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BY KRISTIN EDDY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

e it to an adult, and watch m into a baby. Eyes soften, relax, the head tilts just ever ghtly to one side and the ders surrender to a sigh.

ere's nothing like pudding to grown-up into pudding.

bies and kids still at the lunch- age take pudding for granted. who are much more ad- in years return to it because to eat. The lifelong plea- real pudding got lost in re- years, though, when people ed making it at home and to look for it in packaged and ready-to-eat refrigerated

ese days, when so many peo- e looking for comfort — from ness with the world or just ness with the weather — there hing like a spoonful of the real Just in time, pudding and its dy cousins have made a back.

colate pudding is a favorite menu at Petterino's Loop new Keefer's in Chicago, as at AKA Cafe in New York radley Ogden's Larkspur, estaurant, the Lark Creek s a devoted following for its cotch pudding. At Home urant, also in New York, the olate pudding has been on the since the restaurant opened nine years ago. But butter- pudding was added more and is a current hit.

dding is a simple luxury that people understand," said Page, chef and owner of "It was the first dessert that ought about using. There is a orting feel to pudding. It's soft s easy to eat and almost the texture of baby food; some people feel that is what comfort food is all about."

The sure-fire sales of creamy desserts in upscale restaurants can be tracked to the creme brulee craze that began more than a decade ago. While the dish is nothing more than a custard with a fancy name, diners loved cracking the glazed sugar crust to tap into the lovely cold cream beneath.

Now all kinds of puddinglike desserts are firmly fashionable in restaurants across the country. Caramel pot de creme is served in the tiny white china pots that give the dessert its name at Bacchanalia restaurant in Atlanta. Panna cotta (or "cooked cream") was revived with a spin, such as the saffron panna cotta with poached quince at New York's Babbo restaurant or buttermilk panna cotta with huckleberry soup and lemon granita at Auberge du Soleil in Rutherford, Calif.

Pudding cakes got into the act, as with the vanilla buttermilk pudding cake offered by pastry chef Nancy Silver of MOD in Chicago's Wicker Park. And one of the notable desserts at Craft restaurant in New York is a steamed lemon pudding cake, oozing a warm, tart custard.

But they are worth exploring in the home kitchen too. From-scratch puddings are every bit as rewarding as homemade cakes, cookies and other sweets.

Put away those store-bought mixes and prepared pudding cups and try your hand at the following recipes. You'll bring real comfort — whatever the season or the reason — to those you love best. And that includes yourself.

CHOCOLATE PUDDING

2 cups whipping cream
1 cup half-and-half
¾ cup sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
5 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
9 egg yolks

1. Heat oven to 300 degrees. Combine whipping cream, half-and-half, sugar and vanilla in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-high heat. Heat just to a simmer; remove pan from heat. Add chocolate; stir to melt completely.

2. Whisk in egg yolks one at a time until blended. Strain mixture through fine-mesh strainer. Divide pudding among eight 6-ounce custard cups; place in a deep baking pan and place in oven. Fill pan with enough scalding-hot water to come halfway up sides of custard cups. Cover with foil.

3. Bake puddings until set, 50 minutes. Allow puddings to cool in the pan 10 minutes. Remove from water bath; cool. Cover with plastic or foil, refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.

Preparation time: 15 minutes. Cooking time: 1 hour, 40 minutes. Chilling time: 4 hours. Yield: 8 servings

This super-rich, deeply chocolate-flavored pudding is a favorite at Petterino's restaurant in Chicago. We adapted it from a recipe by chef Mark Dorian.

VANILLA PUDDING

½ cup sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
⅛ teaspoon salt
4 egg yolks
2½ cups half-and-half or milk
3 tablespoons butter
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1. Combine sugar, cornstarch and salt in a small saucepan. Whisk together eggs and half-and-half in a medium bowl. Add egg mixture to pan, stirring constantly over medium heat, until pudding thickens, 10 minutes. Do not allow to boil. Remove from heat; stir in butter and vanilla.

2. Pour into custard cups or a

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FORGET THE PREMADE CUPS and pudding mixes, homemade pudding, such as this thick butterscotch, can't be beat.

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Pink Lady apples' taste is almost like pink lemonade, say fans of the fruit

BY RENEE SCHETTLER
THE WASHINGTON POST

Thought you had a favorite apple?

If you have yet to try the Pink Lady, think again.

The result of an apple-breeding program in Western Australia, the Pink Lady ("a pink blush over yellow undertones") is a cross between the Golden Delicious and the Lady Williams (though to some it tastes more like a cross between tart Granny Smith, a crisp Cortland and a sweet McIntosh — almost reminiscent of pink lemonade, in fact). It has a dense, crisp, compact interior that resists browning rather well once sliced (at least long enough to serve atop a salad or alongside a cheese plate).

We just missed the boat for the native ones from the Southern Hemisphere, though we expect to see some from Washington State in coming weeks.

As with most medium apples, a Pink Lady contains approximately 80 calories and five grams of fiber.

How to select and store

Looks can be deceiving. The Pink Lady often appears to be less than eye-catching as its surface can be riddled with slight indentations. However, it tends to be quite unblemished beneath. Avoid any spots that appear to be large bruises.

The Pink Lady keeps extremely well. Store at room temperature or refrigerate for a couple of weeks. For maximum flavor, allow the apple to warm slightly prior to serving.

How to prepare

Just eat them.

The simpler the preparation — or lack thereof — the better.

Slice them then serve alongside a cheese plate or nestle atop a spinach salad (and drizzle with a balsamic vinaigrette spiked with maple syrup).

Julienne them and toss with carrots, jicama, lime juice, rice vinegar and a pinch of sugar for a crisp, tart side to anything Asian-inspired.

Or just eat them out of hand.

We're told the crisp texture is terrific baked in a pie. However, since I have yet to safeguard enough apples from snackers to fill a pie crust, I can't say.

STUFFED PINK LADY APPLES

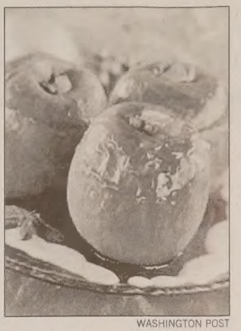
4 large Pink Lady apples
½ pint dry cider
A little butter
3 dried apricots, chopped
1oz. pecan nuts, chopped
8 tsp clear honey
Tin foil for covering

Pre-heat the oven to 375oF, 190oC, gas mark 5

Wipe and core the apples, using an apple corer, then cut off the base ½" of the core and use as a 'bung' to stop the filling coming out.

With a sharp knife, cut just through the skin right round the circumference of each apple.

Combine the apricots and pecan nuts, then use a teaspoon, use to stuff the centre of each apple.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THE DISTINCTIVE FLAVOR of the Pink Lady lends itself to this easily prepared dessert.

Use the butter and piece of kitchen paper and smear each apple with a little butter.

Pour the cider carefully into a shallow dish, then stand apples in the cider. Drizzle 2 tsp of honey over each apple and cover individually with a small tent of foil.

Bake them towards the top of the oven for approximately 1 hour until tender. Baste the apples with the cider 2 or 3 times during cooking. Serve immediately the apples are tender when tested with a skewer. Serves: 4

Recipe from http://www.pinkladyapples.co.uk.

Pudding

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large bowl, placing plastic wrap directly on the surface of the pudding. Refrigerate until chilled, 4 hours or overnight.

Preparation time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 10 minutes
Chilling time: 4 hours
Yield: 6 servings

This classic, cornstarch-based pudding is adapted from "How to Cook Everything," by Mark Bittman.

VANILLA-BEAN BUTTERMILK PUDDING CAKES

¾ cup sugar plus more for sprinkling custard cups
2 tablespoons butter
Seeds scraped from 1 vanilla bean, or 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 egg yolks
5 tablespoons flour
½ cup each: buttermilk, whipping cream
¼ cup each: lemon juice and apple juice
4 egg whites

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Coat six 8-ounce custard cups with non-stick cooking spray. Sprinkle with sugar. Set aside.

2. Cream butter, vanilla seeds and all but 2 tablespoons of the sugar in bowl of electric mixer. Slowly add 1 egg yolk at a time; scrape sides of the bowl between each addition. Add flour; mix just until incorporated. Mix in buttermilk and cream. Mix in lemon and apple juices. Set aside.

3. Place egg whites in a clean mixing bowl; beat on high until foamy. Add remaining 2 tablespoons of the sugar in a stream. Beat to stiff peaks. Gently fold egg whites into batter in 2 additions.

4. Divide batter among custard cups. Place cups in a deep baking dish and place in oven. Fill pan with boiling hot water to come halfway up sides of cups. Bake until cakes have risen like a souffle and are golden brown on top, 30-40 minutes. Serve immediately for a soufflelike texture; for a cakelike texture, let cool to room temperature; invert cakes onto plates to serve.

Preparation time: 25 minutes. Cooking time: 40 minutes. Yield: 6 servings

This recipe, adapted from one by pastry chef Nancy Silver of MOD restaurant in Chicago's Wicker Park, takes pudding one step further, into a warm cake.

BUTTERSCOTCH PUDDING

¾ cup sugar
¼ cup water
2 cups whipping cream
1 cup whole milk
¼ cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
6 egg yolks, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon salt

1. Place sugar in large, heavy saucepan; pour water evenly over sugar. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until sugar is dissolved. Increase heat to medium-high; cook without stirring until it turns golden amber, about 8 minutes. Remove caramel from heat.

2. Meanwhile, stir together cream, milk and brown sugar in heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook until small bubbles appear on surface; remove from heat. Carefully pour hot cream into hot caramel; stir with a long wooden spoon or whisk.

3. Heat oven to 300 degrees. Place egg yolks in small bowl. Stir in ¼ cup of the hot cream mixture into yolks. Stir yolks, vanilla and salt into remaining cream mixture. Strain mixture through fine-mesh strainer into bowl. Divide pudding among six 6-ounce custard cups. Place cups in a deep baking pan and place in oven. Fill pan with scalding-hot water to halfway up sides of custard cups. Cover with foil.

4. Bake puddings until set, about 50 minutes. (The center will jiggle a bit.) Remove from the water bath; let cool. Cover with plastic or foil; refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.

Preparation time: 20 minutes. Cooking time: 1 hour. Chilling time: 4 hours. Yield: 6 servings

Our tasters swooned over the rich butterscotch flavor in this beautifully creamy baked pudding, adapted from "Recipes From Home," by David Page and Barbara Shinn (Artisan, $30).

Smooth operations

BY KRISTIN EDDY
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Foods made with dairy and eggs require gentle handling and slow cooking to prevent curdling or toughening their proteins. That's why recipes often call for tempering the egg mixture and cooking the final product in a water bath.

Mixing cool or room-temperature eggs into a hot cream base is a recipe for curdled eggs. Instead, whisk a small amount — from a tablespoon to a quarter-cup — of the hot liquid to the egg yolks first. This "tempering" will raise the temperature of the eggs so that they don't have such a shock when you whisk them into the rest of the hot liquid.

Passing the pudding mixture through a fine-mesh strainer before adding it to molds or serving dishes will ensure the smoothest pudding by catching any bits of curdled egg, but if you are not averse to a few lumps, that step can be skipped.

Baked custards are cooked in a water bath, also known as a bain-marie, because it moderates the oven's dry heat with steam heat.

All that is required for a water bath is a deep roasting pan. Place the pudding cups or mold in the pan and pour in enough scalding-hot water to come halfway up the sides of the molds. Placing a layer of paper towel on the bottom of the pan will help prevent the molds from sliding around.

Don't attempt to carry a sloshing pan of boiling water across the kitchen to the oven. Instead, slide the rack from the heated oven and place the dry pan with the molds in it on the rack before adding hot water. Finish by covering the pan with foil (watch your fingers on the hot oven rack) then sliding in the rack to bake.

A pudding primer

BY KRISTIN EDDY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"Custard puddings, sauces and fillings accompany the seven ages of man in sickness and in health," Irma S. Rombauer and Marion Rombauer Becker wrote in "Joy of Cooking."

The authors were referring to the enduring appeal of the soft stuff, from babyhood to much later years. But pudding-style sweets and savories come in so many forms that it is possible to consume custard almost daily.

The word pudding deserves its own glossary. There is plum pudding, the spiced Christmas confection of steamed or boiled suet, fruits and nuts. There is Yorkshire pudding, more accurately described as a popover-style bread that accompanies roast beef. The beloved bread pudding is a dish of stale bread baked in custard, while tapioca and rice puddings have a milky base but don't resemble the smooth puddings we know from the nursery. The British use "pudding" to describe desserts in general.

For most purposes, an American dessert pudding is a soft, smooth and creamy dish, made with milk and stabilized with cornstarch or possibly gelatin.

Beyond pudding, what are the differences among its relatives, custard and creme brulee or panna cotta and pastry cream? The distinctions can be subtle:

Bavarian cream or bavarois: A cold dessert made of custard, whipped cream, gelatin and flavorings.

Blancmange: Of French origin, a dessert made from ground almonds, milk and gelatin. Now it is more commonly prepared with cornstarch.

Creme caramel or flan: The French and Spanish names for a custard baked in a mold first coated with caramel. The finished dish is turned upside down and released from the mold, leaving a custard topped with a coating of liquid caramel.

Creme brulee: The translation of "burnt cream" is misleading, as this baked, chilled custard is not actually burned. Sugar is sprinkled on top and briefly broiled or flamed with —a torch that melts the sugar. Then it hardens into a crust.

Curd: A thick, egg- and sugar-based filling or spread, sometimes thickened with butter and usually flavored with lemon.

Custard: Sweet or savory egg- and milk-based dishes, typically baked in molds. There also are "stirred" custards, which are cooked on the stovetop.

Mousse: A blend of sugar and flavorings fluffed with eg
or whipped cream to m
airy dessert. Mousses a
be stabilized with gelatin
as a cake filling.

Panna cotta: Itali
"cooked cream," this is a
dessert thickened with ge
often served with fruit or

Pastry cream: Milk- an
based filling, thickened w
for a variety of pastries,
napoleons, eclairs and
puffs. They can be flavo
everything from vanil
chocolate to coffee and

Pot de creme: Flavor
tards baked in tiny pots
with its own lid.

Sources: "Food Lover's
panion," "The Good Egg"
Cooking"

BOB FLACHO

CHOCOLATE PUDDING from Chef Mark Dorian at Petterrino's in Chicago is topped with whipped cream
chocolate powder.

Dinner in minutes: Mexican Oran Snapper with Green Pepper Rice

Colorful winter meal is easily prepared

BY LINDA GASSENHEIMER
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Snapper sauteed in a savory orange sauce is an unusual, tangy Mexican dish. Rice tossed with green peppers makes a simple side dish.

This recipe is adapted from one given me by Mexican caterer and cookbook author Susanna Palazuelos.

"Until recently, most food lovers thought of Mexican cooking in terms of tacos, tamales and tongue-scorching salsas, but now people are beginning to understand the subtle flavor distinctions that make Mexican food a truly great cuisine," she said.

This meal answers the yearn for Mexican flavors and is quick and easy to make.

This meal contains 515 calories per serving with 16 percent of calories from fat.

Countdown

- Make rice.
- While rice cooks, prepare snapper ingredients.
- Complete rice.
- Cook fish.

Shopping list

- To buy: ¾ pound snapper fillets, 1 red onion, 1 orange, 1 green pepper.
- Staples: Flour, olive oil, garlic, orange juice, long-grain white rice, salt, black peppercorns.

Helpful hints

- Any type of non-oily fish fillet can be used. Timing is for a fish 1-inch thick. Add a few more minutes for a thicker piece.

MEXICAN ORANGE SNAPPER

3 tablespoons flour
Salt and freshly ground pepper
¾ pound snapper fillets
1 teaspoon olive oil
½ cup chopped red onion
2 garlic cloves, crushed
½ cup orange juice
4 orange slices for garnish (optional)

Place flour on a pl
son with salt and pepp

Rinse fish fillet and p
a paper towel. Dip into
flour, making sure bot
coated. Shake off exce

Heat olive oil in a me
nonstick skillet on med
Add the fish, onion an
Brown fish 2 minutes
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Remove to a plate an
with salt and pepper. Ad
juice to skillet, stirring t
the brown bits. Low
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Cover with a lid and c
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Clamoring for Crab: Dungeness arrives just in time for community feasts

BY SONJA HYAMS
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

SAN FRANCISCO — Platter after platter heaped with cold cracked b. Huge bowls of bubbling crab ppino. We're hankering for crab, d euphoric Dungeness-lovers are king to their favorite all-you-can- crab feeds.

From Salinas to Cloverdale, dega Bay to Concord, winter b feasts draw throngs of afi nados to school fund-raisers, b membership drives, commu gatherings and company par-

"They come like they're going work. Their sleeves are rolled up, y've got their crab crackers and r little butter warmers and their sion: to eat as much crab as y can," says Kristin Davis, ex- utive director of the Saratoga amber of Commerce.

That organization's ninth annual mmunity Crab Feed is Feb. 23. e aim is not really fund-raising, vis says.

"Some years we manage to re- up expenses, but you can lose ur shirt. But the goal is to have a mmunity event, where people ne and socialize," she says. "It's a special sort of intimate large y."

Indeed, there are no strangers nd no pretensions — at a crab d. Everyone willing to don a bib, b a pick and dig in falls into the ery symbiosis of the communal e. Regulars and rookies bond tantly as the newcomers learn ropes.

A typical crab-feed menu includes salad, garlic bread, pasta perhaps, and the crab — cold and/or in cioppino — all served family-style. Dessert might be a piece of cake or a Dixie cup of ice cream. Beverage policies range from wine by the glass to BYOB to no alcohol at all.

The feasts generally are prepared and served by volunteers. The Cloverdale Knights of Columbus, whose 48th annual cioppino feed is Jan. 19, donates funds to various high school groups whose members help with the feed. All proceeds from the event go back into the community, including the Boys and Girls Clubs, says trustee Bob Leonard.

For the Cloverdale feed, cooks have passed down a "cioppino bible" — a huge, thick book that is conscientiously updated each year. The cioppino recipe hasn't changed much since the first feed 48 years ago, but the ticket price has: $1.50 then, $30 now.

As procurement chairman for the last seven years, Leonard buys the crab. He orders about 2.3 pounds per person; this year, like last year, he expects a crowd of more than 900 revelers. That's literally a ton of crab, which should cost about $8,000 at this year's estimated price of around $4 per pound, according to Chris Lam, president of Joe Pucci & Sons Seafood in Oakland.

Crab suppliers prefer filling crab feed orders with locally caught Dungeness. "We have the sweetest and best here," says Nunzio Alioto, president of F. Alioto Fish Co. in San Francisco.

Nonetheless, they are accustomed to finding other sources if foul weather limits the local supply, says Steve Pucci of Joe Pucci & Sons Seafood in Oakland.

Pucci's crews deliver thousands of pounds of crab cooked, cleaned and cracked. "In 10 minutes they can crack 500 pounds," he says.

He trains them not to smash the crabs, so the shells will separate easily from the meat.

"That's why it's called 'cracking.' I tell them to remember that they're selling next year's crab feed with this year's crab."

Perhaps the most ambitious of the grand-scale crab cioppino feeds is run by the Bodega Bay Grange, a rural fraternal organization. On Jan. 20, they will offer four seatings. Up to 200 people are expected to attend each 90-minute session. The tables are loaded with both hot cioppino and cold marinated crab. Between seatings, the volunteers magically clean up and reset the tables. Meanwhile, the next group of diners gathers outside, often starting on the beer and wine they've brought to drink with the crab.

Glenice Carpenter, a longtime volunteer cook and organizer, recalls the years when there weren't timed seatings, so people lingered at their tables while the line outside grew longer and rowdier.

"They drank all the wine they brought," Carpenter says. "By the time they got in, they were downright drunk."

These days the crowd is still raucous, but the precision choreography means that more people can enjoy the crab.

Carpenter and the other volunteers buy the lettuce for the salads on Friday and store it in coolers in the market across the street. To keep the crates of crab from spoiling, they borrow a refrigerated truck and park it outside the kitchen door. On Saturday, they prep whatever they can, including browning all the onions for the cioppino sauce, which they start cooking on Sunday at 6 a.m. Soon they have six 30-gallon stockpots simmering, and the cold crab soaking in its vinegary marinade.

Proceeds from the day are used for maintenance and utilities of the Grange Hall, which is open for community events, and for a college scholarship awarded yearly to a Tomales High School senior.

At the Pleasant Hill Community Center, volunteer parents from two high school athletic boosters groups will hold major fund-raising crab feeds: Miramonte High School Boosters' high-end dinner buffet on Feb. 23 includes meat and vegetarian entrees besides the crab. College Park High School Athletic Boosters' dinner on Jan. 26 offers live music and dancing. Both feature auctions and raffles with sports related prizes and gifts.

One of the newer events is the Bay Area Crisis Nursery Crab Feed in Concord on Jan. 19. This year's theme is Mexico, which means that margaritas will supplement the wine and beer offerings, a Mexican specialty will be served for dessert and a Mexican holiday trip will be raffled off.

Dozens of Bay Area Catholic schools, Italian associations and Elks Club chapters stage feeds that aren't quite as elaborate, but these are effectively private functions; hundreds of the same crab-loving parents, parishioners or members buy up all the tickets year after year.

Still, there are plenty of feeds for the general crab-loving public. And for those who need an excuse to overindulge — and are willing to get a little messy — the feeds are an irresistible means to fulfillment.

Crab feeds

Each crab feed is unique. Always ask what the price includes, and what the beverage policy and format are. Some feasters bring their own crab crackers, picks, butter warmers and butter, and washcloths, towelettes or paper towels.

Call early; tickets usually are not available at the door and advance tickets usually sell out. Look for additional crab feeds on the Internet or in newspaper and magazine listings.

Bay Area Crisis Nursery. Jan. 19. Reception, 5 p.m.; dinner, 6 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 860 Grove Rd., Concord; 925-685-8052. $30.

Cloverdale Knights of Columbus. Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m. Citrus Fairgrounds, 1 Citrus Fair Dr., Cloverdale; 707-894-2966. $30.

Windsor Knights of Columbus. Jan. 19 and Mar. 23. Reception, 6 p.m.; dinner, 7 p.m. Mary Agatha Furth Center, 8400 Old Redwood Hwy., Windsor; 707-837-7620. $35, advance tickets only.

Bodega Bay Grange No. 777. Jan. 20. Four seatings: noon, 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Grange Hall, Highway 1, Bodega Bay; 707-876-1804. $35.

College Park High School Athletic Boosters. Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m. Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Dr., Pleasant Hill; 925-287-1340; cphsbooster@hotmail.com. $35.

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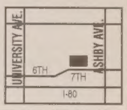
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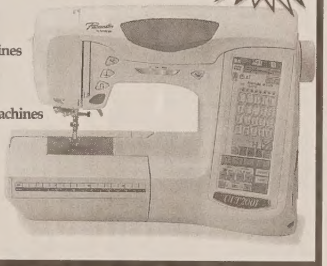
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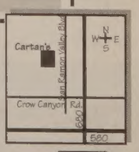
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Caps replace cork on Sonoma-Cutrer's finest

BY TED APPEL
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

FULTON, Calif. — Twisting a metal screw cap off an $80 bottle of fine chardonnay may seem a bit, well, screwy to wine snobs accustomed to pulling a cork.

But it makes perfect sense to Terry Adams, wine maker at Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards in the gentle hills west of Fulton, along with a growing number of Adams' fellow vintners around the world.

It turns out that the humble screw cap, used to seal everything from bottled soft drinks to liquor, protects wine over time even better than cork, said Adams, who has conducted extensive tests on different types of stoppers over the past eight years.

"If I was going to take some wine home and put it in my cellar, I would take the bottles with the screw caps," Adams said.

In a bold statement that is sure to raise eyebrows in wine circles, Adams has placed screw caps on his flagship wine, the 1999 Founders Reserve Chardonnay, which will sell for about $80 a bottle when it is released next fall.

Sonoma-Cutrer, one of Sonoma County's most prestigious wineries, joins a lengthening list of high-end wineries that are tired of problems with tainted corks and are looking for alternatives.

In Napa, PlumpJack Winery started placing screw caps last year on its reserve cabernet sauvignon, which sells for $145 a bottle. And large numbers of premium wineries in New Zealand and Australia are also abandoning corks and replacing them with screw caps.

Corks, primarily harvested from the bark of trees in Portugal and Spain, have been used for hundreds of years to seal bottles of wine. But wine makers are growing disillusioned with natural corks, because of continuing problems with TCA, short for 2,4,6-trichloro anisole. The moldy-smelling chemical may grow naturally in cork trees or contaminate the bark during processing, when the wood is washed with chlorine or other chemicals, Adams said.

A cork tainted with TCA imparts a moldy smell and taste. The result: a wine that tastes like a "musty, stale dishrag," Adams said. The wine industry calls these tainted wines "corked."

As many as 5 percent to 10 percent or more of corks are contaminated with TCA, said John Conover, general manager of PlumpJack Winery in Napa.

"Not many businesses could survive if they lost 10 to 12 percent of their product, Conover said. "But we are in a traditional industry. Change comes slowly."

Vintners are concerned the TCA problem could ruin their carefully crafted image and drive casual customers away from their brands. In a market increasingly crowded with ample selections and competitive prices, a consumer who chances upon a bottle tainted with TCA may not give a winery a second chance.

While screw caps eliminate the risk of TCA, they also create a different image problem for a high-end winery like Sonoma-Cutrer: While screw caps are used on premium wines in other parts of the world, most Americans have seen the metal tops only on jug wines or cheap, fortified wines in this country.

"The majority of consumers still indelibly associate cork with

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Crab

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Miramonte High School Athletic Boosters. Feb. 23. Reception, 6:30 p.m.; dinner, 8 p.m. Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Dr., Pleasant Hill; (925) 376-9675. $55.

Saratoga Chamber of Commerce. Feb. 23, 5 p.m. Church of the Ascension, 12033 Miller Ave., Saratoga; 408-867-0753. $27.50.

The Ladies of Moani Ke Ala O Ka Mailelaulii and the Men of Ka Iho Makawalu A Ka Ua Kipuupuu. Mar. 9. Doors open 4 p.m., dinner 5 p.m. Everett Alvarez High School Gymnasium, 1900 Independence Blvd., Salinas; 831-761-1946 or 408-224-4756. $25 in advance, $30 at door, if available.

This cioppino is adapted from the Bodega Bay Grange. Glenice Carpenter of the Grange says that if you have the crab "butter," add it to the sauce for even more richness and depth. Be sure to have bowls for discarded shells and plenty of napkins on the table. Offer lemon wedges and towelettes for cleanup, and if you want to go all-out, get some disposable plastic bibs at a party supply store.

CRAB CIOPPINO

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley
11/2 teaspoons finely chopped garlic
11/2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh rosemary
1 (28-ounce) can tomato sauce
1 cup dry white wine
1 cup bottled clam juice
1/4 cup butter
1/4 teaspoon sugar
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
4 cooked, cleaned and cracked Dungeness crabs (about 2 pounds each)
Salt, to taste
Sourdough bread for serving

Instructions:

Heat the olive oil in a large stockpot over medium heat. Add the onions and parsley and cook, stirring frequently, until translucent, about 5 minutes.

Add the garlic, rosemary, tomato sauce, wine, clam juice, butter, sugar and pepper and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, partially covered, stirring occasionally, for 45 minutes.

Add the crab pieces and stir to coat with the sauce. Bring the sauce back to a boil and simmer, covered, stirring occasionally, until the crab is just heated through, about 15 minutes. Taste the sauce and add salt, if desired.

Serve with sourdough bread for soaking up the sauce.Serves 4-6.

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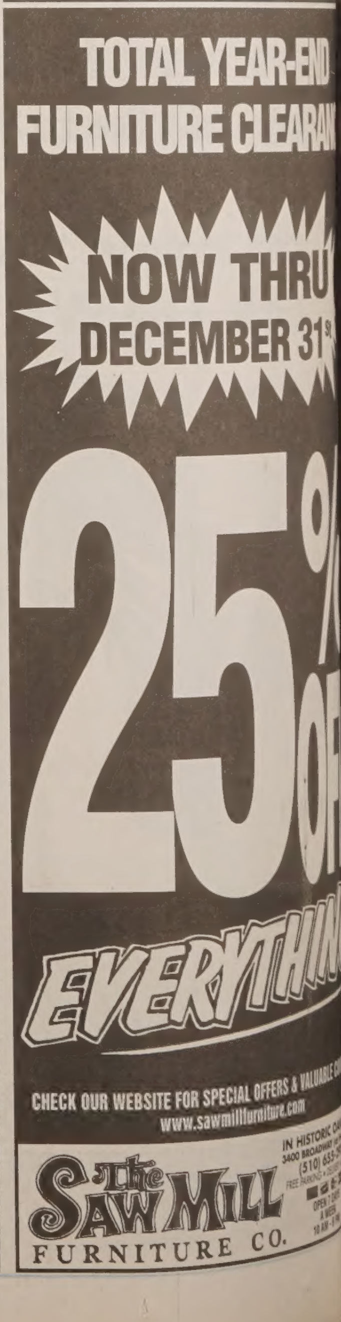
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Get your veggies and sweets for the office potluck without resorting to deli trays

BY CAROL J.G. WARD
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Office potlucks are a time to are the holiday spirit with co-orkers. They also can be one of worst nightmares of your career. Boring food often is the norm, boring you can live with. It's the nright awful stuff that makes u consider a job change before t year's holiday luncheon rolls ound.

Everyone knows that a potluck dinner to which everyone brings ish to share. But in Webster's, it further defined as "whatever is of-ed or available."

It's time to take control of what vailable. Be proactive. The ghost potluck present is here to help h this potluck primer.

Jell-O and especially thing in which the word ngealed is involved

If you enjoy the combination of vors — fruit, nuts, sweet, tangy n these questionable creations, the same contrasts in colorful as, relishes and tapenades.

Nothing could be easier to throw ether than Grape Tapenade. This et-savory combination of es, olives, nuts and herbs re-es only a little chopping.

If it's the slightly soft, slightly firm ure of congealed salads you er, try Pineapple Bread Pudding. s impressive yet easy dessert just the right amount of sweet-ss.

It's cooked in a slow cooker, so perfect for an office potluck. Mix up in the morning before leaving work. Then plug in the cooker the office and let it cook until time the party.

It involves Velveeta, a m of chili and a icrowave, don't do it

It's hip to dip, but there are ier options, said cookbook au-r Susan Slack, whose new book ndues and Hot Pots" (HP oks, $18.95 paperback) is filled great party dishes.

Fondues can serve as an appe-, main course or even as sert, Slack said. She offered a suggestions from her book.

"They require no work at the y, except reheating. A couple ire no heating," Slack said.

Creamy Artichoke and Parme-Sauce makes a great spread bruschetta or crostini. To serve a spread, do not process the ure in the blender; serve it nky.

For dessert, offer Cinnamon ha Fondue. Strong black cof-ves this intense chocolate fon-mocha undertone; marsh-creme creates a soft texture. ght keeps the fondue warm.

the supermarket table trays

et's face it, these predictable offerings are less than inspiring

However, vegetables are important, said Jeralyn Fallaw, a home economist with the Lexington County Clemson Extension Service.

"They're often one of the first things to go, especially this time of year when everyone is sick of sweets," she said.

Instead of the same old tray of carrots, cherry tomatoes and celery with ranch dressing, prepare the unexpected such as a Cumin Carrot Salad. Or try a pasta salad packed with colorful vegetables. Layered Mediterranean Pasta Salad has the added advantage of its festive red and green layers alternated with bowtie pasta.

But while you want to be creative, "this may not be the time to show off your gourmet skills," said Alisa Mosley, a career advice columnist. "Try to prepare a dish that everyone will like."

Even if you're cooking impaired, you don't have to fall back on a predictable veggie tray.

"There are great delis at practically every grocery store now," Mosley said.

These delis offer everything from sushi to olive salad; don't automatically buy the standby.

Don't poison your co-workers. It will only mean more work for you

"It's the season of fond memories, gift giving and hosting parties , not a time for taking chances with our health with unsafe food," Fallaw said. "You can't take food into work in the morning and let it sit out 'til lunch." Silently and without the slightest warning, uninvited bacteria may start to grow.

One of the most important things to remember is to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold, Fallaw said. Cooked food held for more than two hours without refrigeration or a heat source is the ideal environment for bacteria to grow and multiply.

If food will not be eaten within the two-hour safety zone, keep it at the proper temperature.

The day before the party, clean out the office refrigerator, so you'll have the extra space you need. Insulated coolers with ice or cold packs can keep salads and meats cold for a few hours.

Use a slow cooker at low setting to keep food hot. Or refrigerate it and reheat just before the party.

On the buffet table, use sterno or a slow cooker to keep food warm.

Set potato salad or other cold foods in a large pan of crushed ice.

For more information about food safety, go to www.homefoodsafety.org

Looks do count

Suggest that those contributing to the party plan to serve their food in attractive containers. Not only will it make the table look prettier, but it can prevent embarrassing situations. For example, Liz Krejci, general manager of Dutch Square Mall in Columbia, S.C., offered this cautionary tale.

At one of her former places of employment, her department held potluck dinners a few times a year. At one of these occasions "(employee X) proudly brought his contribution that morning to the potluck dinner and left it on the table," Krejci e-mailed.

Like many of us, employee X reused margarine containers to store food. When employee X's container was opened, he was surprised to find leftovers from some time before.

"We're not sure from how long before. Poor (employee X) was horrified that he'd mistakenly brought in leftovers, but the containers looked the same, and he thought he'd grabbed the right one," Krejci said.

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y in wine," said Stan Hock, sman for Sutter Home Win-St. Helena. "Unfortunately, are a lot of consumers who know the scientific pros and They react simply on an emo-visceral level."

er Home started using screw n 1989 on its small single-bottles and expanded their 1993 to its big 1.5-liter bot-ut under pressure from dis-rs and consumers, the win-ersed the move last year and d to corks on its 1.5-liter

ket research by Sutter Home d that 75 percent of consumers ld be more inclined to buy its sealed with a cork than with w cap. Many complained the ry was trying to save money sing screw caps instead of

onoma-Cutrer is visibly nervous ut how consumers will react to corkless bottles. As a test, the y has placed screw caps on 952 bottles of its Founders Reserve Chardonnay, made from the five best barrels of the 1999 vintage.

Like Sonoma-Cutrer, PlumpJack selected its best wine — the cabernet sauvignon reserve — to bottle with screw caps.

PlumpJack has not experienced any adverse reaction from its consumers, who tend to be familiar with the problems of cork taint, Conover said. The winery offers its reserve cabernet sauvignon in a twin-pack — one bottle with cork, the other with a screw cap. The packaging is designed to let consumers compare the two bottling techniques and determine which works better.

"Maybe one out of 10 people will say it is a horrendous idea," Conover said.

"Our customers tend to be well-educated consumers. They understand why a screw cap is better — because it eliminates the cork taint."

Still, while many wine makers privately tout the advantages of screw caps, most agree it will take a large, prominent and prestigious winery to change consumers' perceptions of the twist-off caps.

"Maybe it will be Sonoma-Cutrer," Hock said.

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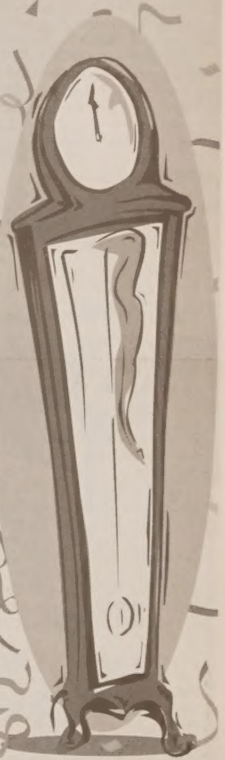

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Mind your manners

Provide enough serving and eating utensils. Have extras in case someone drops them on the floor. This should minimize double-dipping and prevent hand contact with the food.

Eat in moderation. It is better to go back for seconds than to put the entire buffet table on your plate. And although it may not be an issue at office potlucks, drink in moderation as well.

Keep your comments — unless they're good — to yourself, Mosley advised.

"Unless you've got a food allergy, don't stand over a dish and ask, 'What's in this?' Or make comments like, 'Ooh, what's that?' " she said.

If it's something you don't like, just pass it by.

"If you get a sweet potato dish that has raisins and you don't like raisins, quietly pick them out," Mosley said.

After all, you have to work with these people.

If all else fails

Cut out this story and leave it anonymously on the desk of the co-worker who annually provides the Vienna sausage tree.

GRAPE TAPENADE

1½ cups chopped seedless grapes

½ cup chopped, pitted kalamata olives

1 tablespoon chopped toasted pine nuts

1 clove garlic, minced

1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon chopped fresh sage

⅛ teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1 French baguette, sliced ½-inch thick and toasted

Combine all ingredients except bread; mix well. Refrigerate 30 minutes to allow flavors to blend; drain excess liquid before serving. Serve with sliced bread.

Makes 24 appetizer servings

From California Table Grape Commission

PINEAPPLE BREAD PUDDING

1 cup butter, softened

1½-2 cups sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

8 eggs (or 4 eggs and egg substitute equal to 4 eggs)

2 cans (13.5 ounces each) crushed pineapple

5 cups toasted bread cubes

½ cup toasted pecans

Whipped cream, for garnish, if desired

In a bowl, beat butter, sugar and cinnamon until well mixed. Add eggs and beat on high until mixture is light.

Drain pineapple well. Fold pineapple and bread cubes into creamed mixture. (At this point, you may add other ingredients as desired — mini-chocolate chips, coconut, macadamia nuts, etc.)

Pour batter into a slow cooker. Cook on low 6-7 hours, or on high 1½-2 hours and low 2 hours, until set.

Serve warm topped with pecans and whipped cream.

Makes 10 servings

CREAMY ARTICHOKE AND PARMESAN SAUCE

1 (9-ounce) package frozen artichoke hearts, thawed

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1 cup good-quality mayonnaise

½ cup sour cream

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 minced shallot or 2 tablespoons minced green onion

2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano or Romano cheese

¼ cup whipping cream or light cream

Dash hot pepper sauce

1 teaspoon whole-grain mustard, preferably Maille brand

1 teaspoon salt

Several dashes freshly ground black pepper

Put the artichoke hearts into a glass pie plate and cover with plastic wrap. Microwave 5 minutes on high; leave covered 10 minutes.

With a sharp knife, mince artichoke hearts. Place in large mixing bowl, and add remaining ingredients. Taste; adjust seasonings.

For a silky-smooth dipping sauce, put the mixture in a blender and process until pale green, creamy and smooth. Serve warm.

Makes 12 ¼-cup servings

From "Fondues and Hot Pots" (HP Books, $18.95 paperback)

CINNAMON MOCHA FONDUE

½ cup strong black coffee, hazelnut, pecan-flavored or plain

1 (7-ounce) jar marshmallow creme

3 (3- to 4-ounce) bars good-quality bittersweet chocolate, such as Lindt or Toblerone, broken into small pieces

1-2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

⅛ teaspoon ground cinnamon

½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Fresh fruits, rolled cookie sticks or biscotti, for dipping

Heat coffee in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat until it begins to simmer. Add marshmallow cream; reduce heat to low. Stir until marshmallow creme has almost dissolved. Add chocolate pieces to marshmallow mixture; stir until smooth. Do not allow mixture to become too hot. Blend in lemon juice, cinnamon and vanilla.

Pour into a warmed chocolate fondue pot. Place over tea light to keep fondue warm. Serve with dippers.

Makes 4-5 servings

From "Fondues and Hot Pots" (HP Books, $18.95 paperback)

LAYERED MEDITERRANEAN PASTA SALAD

16 ounces bowties or other medium pasta shape

¾ cup Greek salad dressing or your favorite vinaigrette

2 medium zucchini, sliced and steamed until crisp-tender

4 ounces crumbled feta cheese

¾ cup roasted red peppers, drained, patted dry and coarsely chopped

1 cup frozen green peas, thawed

2 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto or good-quality ham or crumbled cooked bacon

1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced

3 plum tomatoes, sliced

2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped

¼ cup Parmesan cheese, freshly grated

Cook pasta according to package directions, drain. Return to cooking pan and toss with< cup dressing.

Transfer one-third of pasta to clear glass bowl. In layers, add zucchini, feta cheese and roasted peppers.

Top with one-third pasta. In layers, add peas, prosciutto, mushrooms and tomatoes. Top with remaining pasta. Sprinkle with basil and pour remaining dressing evenly over salad.

Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Serve at once or cover and chill until ready to serve. Serve with additional dressing, as desired.

Makes 10 servings

CUMIN CARROT SALAD

2 pounds sweet young carrots

2 cloves garlic, unpeeled

1 shallot or 2 green onions, finely minced

1 teaspoon paprika

1 teaspoon cumin

½ teaspoon dried hot chili flakes, optional

1 tablespoon lemon juice

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

¼ teaspoon kosher or sea salt

freshly ground black pepper

½ cup fresh Italian parsley, chopped

Peel carrots, quarter them lengthwise, then cut in half crosswise to make julienne matchsticks of equal size for even cooking.

Place carrots in large saucepan,
cover with water and ad
cloves. Bring to a boil, cove
heat to medium and cook u
rot sticks are barely tender
ter 3 minutes. Drain, plunge
water to cool quickly an
again. Discard garlic.

In a small bowl, whisk
remaining ingredients exce
ley, and toss with carrots.

Store, covered, in refrig
as long as 24 hours. Serve
temperature with topping
chopped parsley. Makes 6

*From "Cottage Life's Mo
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Maturity is the strong suit of winter squas

With the exception of the pumpkin, which
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centerpieces.

BY WILLIAM RICE
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

When it comes to "take them for granted" vegetables, squash—especially winter squash—takes the cake.

With the exception of the pumpkin, which has its annual day in the sun (moonlight would be more appropriate), squash that ripens in the fall and winter spends a great deal of time on steam tables, being ignored, or in vegetable centerpieces.

It is, many say, hopelessly bland. True, but here's an opportunity. It takes to flavorings as a sponge to water, soaking up whatever it comes in contact with.

It is full of seeds and strings, other critics comment. Ah, but those are easily removed, leaving a pocket that will generously play host to any number of different stuffings. Their names—acorn, butternut, Hubbard and turban are the most common in our markets—reflect different shapes, not botanical differences. (Delicata and kabocha also are often available.)

Summer squashes are immature and soft, Alice Waters points out in "Chez Panisse Vegetables," while winter squashes are mature, with hard shells and darker, sweeter flesh.

Waters serves them diced and sauteed, baked and mashed with shavings of Parmesan cheese, in a gratin with potatoes and bacon, in risotti with thyme and white truffles and in other variations.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND BEAN SOUP

1 pound dried borlotti (cranberry) beans

2 bay leaves

2 tablespoons kosher salt

2 cups rustic or sourdough bread cubes (½-inch, crusts removed)

3 unpeeled garlic cloves, smashed

¼ teaspoon salt

Pinch of freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 teaspoon chopped fresh sage leaves

¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 cup diced (½-inch) onion

1 cup diced (½-inch) carrots

1 cup sliced celery (stalks cut in half lengthwise and then cut into ½-inch slices)

1 cup diced (½-inch) parsnip

1 teaspoon minced garlic

2 firmly packed tablespoons sliced fresh sage leaves

3 cups peeled and diced (½-inch) butternut squash

⅛ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

⅛ teaspoon Aleppo pepper or dried red pepper flakes

1 teaspoon honey

1. Soak the beans overnight, or for at least 6 hours, in enough cold water to cover. Drain and transfer to a large pot or Dutch oven. Add 8 cups water and bay leaves. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer, covered, until almost tender, 45 to 50 minutes. Add 1 tablespoon of the kosher salt and cook 10 more minutes.

2. Make the croutons: Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Spread the bread cubes on a baking sheet and bake until golden brown, 5 to 10 minutes. Transfer the cubes to a large bowl and toss with the smashed garlic, salt, pepper, 1 tablespoon olive oil and 1 teaspoon sage. Let stand 30 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, heat the extra-virgin oil in a second large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onion, carrots, celery, parsnip, minced garlic and sliced sage and
cook until the vegetables
ened but are not browne
10 minutes. Add the sq
cook for 10 more minutes
with the remaining table
kosher salt and the b
Aleppo peppers. Remove
heat and set aside.

4. Spoon 1 cup of the
beans along with ¼ cup
cooking liquid into a ble
puree until smooth. Using
spatula, scrape the pure
pan with the vegetables
whole beans with their co
uid, the bay leaves and
simmer until the veg
completely tender, abo
minutes. Taste and adj
soning, if desired.

5. Serve the sou
bowls, topped with the

8 to 10 servings

*From "Second Help
Union Square Cafe"*

Serving tips for pudding

BY KRISTIN EDDY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Baked puddings often are cooked and served in oven-proof custard cups, also known as ramekins. Baked puddings also can be prepared in one large oven-proof bowl, such as a souffle dish. All of these containers may be found in specialty kitchenware shops. Pot de creme pots, the ones with their own lids, are harder to find. You can check antique or secondhand stores for these; older ones often have charming shapes or decorations.

Good old cornstarch pudding, cooked right on the stovetop, can be served right from a big bowl and spooned out individually into small bowls or even martini glasses.

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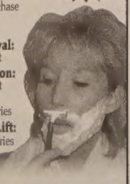

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BOB HAGIN

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s the end of the year again and once more for us to complain carp about the fancy autos that ared last year that we weren't d to evaluate.

is has been going on for more 20 years and while you'd think this longevity would count for ething, we continue to meet re- nce from certain automakers. he following are some of the ent crop of turn-downs that e encountered during 2001.

olkswagen Phaeton: We get of Volkswagens during the year, les, Passats, Jettas and the but the really fancy one, the on, has so far eluded us. up in the carriage-trade re- on the auto market alongside , Lexus, Cadillac and Mer- s, and is powered by a unique ylinder engine like the one destined for the new Bentley didn't you know that VW owns prestigious British marque?

entley Arnage: Not only did ock us out of its new fancy , its British satellite Bentley blew us out the door even h we gave a lot of coverage third-place finish at the 24 of Le Mans race.

e company sent us literature s hot-rod 400-horse super- ed Arnage Red Label sedan

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TOYOTA

TOYOTA SEQUOIA LIMITED full-size SUV shares several items including its V-8 engine with the Tundra full-size pickup, but its rear suspension is different.

Toyota makes full-size SUV bigger with Sequoia 4x4 Limited

TOM HAGIN
Solo Road Test

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The Toyota Sequoia is that company's latest offering to the full-sized SUV class.

Offered in well-equipped SR5 and as our tester this week, the topline Limited, the American-built Sequoia is already enjoying great sales success.

Outside: In its Land Cruiser, Toyota already has what many would call a full-sized SUV. Then came Sequoia. It's a large vehicle and can easily fill a parking space.

Standing more than 6 feet tall in 4x4 dress, from the B-pillar forward, Sequoia shares its sheetmetal with the Toyota Tundra, the company's full-sized pickup that debuted a few years ago.

The stance of the Sequoia is big-hipped and broad shouldered like so many of the full-sized SUVs of today, though the flush headlights, and body-color door handles and side trim give it an upscale appearance.

Our test Sequoia Limited offers a pair of inset driving lights, directional 16-inch alloy wheels and black sidewall all-season tires.

Gaining access to the rear cargo area can be done two ways: either through lifting the entire rear hatch or by lowering the retractable window.

The standard roof rack is rated to hold up to 150 pounds and can easily accept aftermarket equipment carriers

Inside: Sequoia's eight-passenger seating consists of front bucket seats with a multi-function floor console in between. Inside is a large storage well separated by a double-door system that opens first to a memo pad clip. Two pairs of cupholders and three 12-volt power ports are also available.

Standard equipment on both Sequoia versions includes power windows, outside mirrors and door locks, cruise control, an anti-theft system and an uplevel audio system.

A premium JBL-brand audio system is standard with Limited and optional with SR5 trim levels.

Other standard Limited equipment includes variable speed intermittent wipers, a tilt steering column and keyless remote entry.

A power sunroof is optional, but on those Sequoia models without the sunroof, a full-length overhead console with five storage nooks and overhead lighting is standard.

On the Road: Sequoia's standard 4.7-liter twin cam V-8 is the only engine available. Also shared with the Tundra, it produces 240 horsepower and 315 pound-feet of torque.

It uses four valves per cylinder, and while not as powerful as some others in its class, it's very smooth. It's all-aluminum, of course, and features coil-on-plug ignition and an

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but it came without an invite to try it. Don't ask for the price. If you have to ask, you can't afford it.

DaimlerChrysler Gem: On the other end of the scale is the GEM, a "neighborhood" electric car that's in essence a golf cart with head, stop and tail lights, a windshield with a wiper, seat belts and a top speed of 25 mph.

A DaimlerChrysler public relations person told me about it a year ago and that she drives one to work every day that it doesn't rain, the excuse there being that it has no doors.

I've been patiently waiting for an offer to try one and after seeing a couple of them driving around nearby Berkeley, my enthusiasm has increased. But I'm still waiting.

Any new Ferrari: 550 Maranello; 550 Barchetta; 456 GT/GTA; 360 Spider; 360 Mondena; 360 Challenge. Any of these would be quite acceptable to us for a week-long road test even if we had to drive the 30 miles to San Francisco to pick it up.

Ferrari is probably one of the 10 most recognizable brand names in the world and I guess because of this fact, the Italian company and its distributor have regularly turned down our dignified requests for 24 years.

In our cover letter we even promised to keep in under a cover if it rained, but still no response. Old habits are obviously hard to break.

Lamborghini Murcielago: Unlike our request to Ferrari, the only "Lambo" we want is the newest model, the Murcielago coupe.

We have higher hopes for getting one this time since the company plans to have one at the Los Angeles Auto Show early in January of '02.

It's a little overpowered at 580 horses, but we promised to hold it down around town and not drive it anywhere we might be tempted to get it into sixth gear and see if it will really do its advertised 205 mph.

We get lots of Audi cars every year and now that we've discovered that Audi owns Lamborghini, our chances to get a new Murcielago should be greatly enhanced.

Aston Martin V-12 Vanquish: We thought sure that when Ford took over Aston Martin a few years ago, we'd get the latest version for an extended road test. That was several models ago and still no Aston Martin.

The newest one is the 6.0-liter V-12 Vanquish coupe that goes 190 mph and can hit 60 in under five seconds. But then for a sticker price of just under a quarter-million dollars, it should do all that and the weekly laundry as well.

Maybe now that "regular guy" Bill Ford is head man over there at Ford Motor Company, he'll find a way to get an Aston Martin over to us also-regular guys.

Hummer H1: Actually, we'd settle for the somewhat less intimidating H2. We've written about these hicle wannabes sport-utility ve we've seen a few of them town facing down everything biggest 18-wheelers.

One of the owners told me mer H1 is really a pretty easy in traffic since other drivers berth. Even though our friends Motors own and market the H we still strike out when we ask

Although we're perennial we solicit for these vehicles, we trying. Come back the end of 20

New Grand Cherokee still king of Jeep line

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JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE, despite its old engine technology, is certified as ultra-clean in the five states mandating cleaner vehicles.

Brendan: In the months that we've been evaluating cars and trucks, we've never gotten behind the wheel of any kind of Jeep.

The name has been around for a very long time and one story says it originally meant a General Purpose (GP) military four-seater that was the most basic transportation possible. Now it's a brand-name that's attached to some very classy off-roaders.

The Jeep Grand Cherokee is the king of the line and our Overland model is the top version. It's pretty fancy and doesn't have to take a back seat to any of the current crop of sport-utility vehicles.

And typical of today's trend towards buying an off-roader SUV and then not driving over anything more challenging than a speed bump, the Grand Cherokee can be had with either two- or four-wheel drive.

It's pretty archaic mechanically, with a front suspension that is a solid axle carried on coil springs. The same can be said of the solid rear axle.

But if the drive axles are vintage, the four-wheel drive systems a Grand Cherokee buyer can chose from are very sophisticated.

Our test rig was equipped with what Jeep calls Quadra Drive, a full-time system that can transfer torque to the front or back axles as needed. It also carried variable locking axles for even better off-road grip.

Depending on what system the buyer goes for, the mode is selectable by the driver. It's almost as tough to choose a drive system on a Grand Cherokee as it is to select its color.

Mikele: There are a couple of engine choices, which makes picking the right combination even more difficult.

Jeep did away with its little four-cylinder engine in the Cherokee a couple of years ago and now the standard engine is an inline six that your Dad tells me can trace its roots back at least two or three decades.

He says it's ancient technology, too, being all-iron and operating two-valves per cylinder via pushrods. However, it has been certified as ultra-clean in the five states that have this as an official classification.

Its 4.0 liters put out 190 horses and 225 pound/feet of torque, which makes it capable of towing 5,000 pounds.

Brendan: But the engine of choice for the person who's going to do some serious towing will be the new V-8 that is the optional powerplant for the Grand Cherokee.

It was an all-new design a couple of years ago and this year the power output has been bumped up to 260 horses and the torque is even more impressive at 330.

An overhead cam on each head is

BRENDAN/MIKELE HAGIN
Gender Gap

chain-driven, which I personally prefer over belt-drive, and the heads are aluminum. With that high torque, the Grand Cherokee V-8 works easier doing family towing chores.

Our tester came as the new Overland model with an optional off-road package that includes tougher all-terrain tires, a full-sized spare tire and matching alloy wheel, a skid plate set and a couple of tow hooks up front.

When it's set up for towing, it can drag an amazing 6,500 pounds.

Mikele: Serious boaters will like that, although the only time I want to spend on the water is a family-weekend on my uncle's houseboat.

The profile of the Grand Cherokee Overland is anything but aerodynamic with a drag coefficient of .45, but the interior is pretty comfortable and our Overland had the fancy package which included leather bucket seats.

Its interior is a bit on the narrow side but not so much as to be crowded, at least not up front. Two in back is OK but three is pushing it.

I liked the flexible interior cargo net that's tucked away in the left rear quarter panel and there are lots of little cubby holes scattered around for maps, sun glasses and other personal items.

According to last year's press kit, the Grand Cherokee is also assembled in Austria in left or right-hand drive.

And the power-adjustable brake and accelerator pedals are really great when there's a variety of people who drive it.

Brendan: We've had a couple of Jeeps in the family over the years although they've been the basic Wrangler with no top and removable doors. They sure were fun.

Mikele: If that model comes up for review, Brendan, I think we should have your brothers and your dad do the honors.

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Retrofit may solve carburetor icing problem

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BOB HAGIN
Questions and Answers

Q My problem concerns carburetor icing in cold eather. My vehicle is a 1954 udebaker pickup with a Big x engine and about 240,000 les. Despite its age, this is a orking truck, and I drive it daily.

The heat riser in the exhaust anifold is not sticking and is, far as I know, functional.

Some years ago I separated intake and exhaust mani- s to realign them in order to ect an intake manifold leak d the internal parts of the heat r were intact and undamaged.

I replaced the thermostatic spring which had become weak. The heat riser is closed when cold and gradually opens after the engine is completely warmed up.

Years ago, in northern New England, we had what was called "summer gas" and "winter gas." If you got caught during a sudden cold snap with a tank of summer gas, you suffered with an iced-up carburetor until you used it up and replaced it with winter gas.

I'm wondering if, with carburetors superseded by fuel injection these days, gas may be no longer formulated to prevent icing up.

Presently, on a cold morning, I must sit and fast-idle the engine until well after the water temperature has reached normal or risk stalling at every stop sign and signal.

J.F. Sacramento, Calif.

A Carburetor icing is caused by the venturi action above the throttle cooling the carb body to the point where it forms ice from water vapor in the air. I've cured the problem on several old cars by installing a sheet metal heat stove that wrapped around the exhaust manifold.

A tube from the stove channeled preheated air to the air cleaner and a flap valve redirected cold air into the air cleaner after the system warmed to about 100 degrees. It's all done automatically on newer cars.

The last retrofit kit I installed

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nt sequential fuel injection m. This qualifies it for Ul- Low Emissions Vehicle sta- by the EPA.

Four-wheel drive can be ed full-time or left in 2WD de in good weather.

also works in conjunction its Vehicle Skid Control C) system, which helps a dri- maintain control if the vehi- e is about to lose traction and skid sideways.

The system automatically reduces engine power and applies braking power to the wheels that need more grip.

Engaging the 4x4 system is a push-button affair, while a low range can be engaged via a floor-mounted lever.

Behind the Wheel: Sequoia's full-length ladder frame is also Tundra-based. Forward of the front doors, it's the identical layout as the pickup, though the SUV's frame is fully boxed and therefore stronger than that of the Tundra.

This is done because some degree of flex is acceptable and even desirable in a pickup, which usually carries an empty cargo bed, as opposed to an SUV, which always must carry that heavy passenger compartment. Also different is the rear suspension.

Where the Sequoia uses softly-tuned coil springs and a five-link rear axle, the Tundra utilizes less-flexible leaf springs to carry its heavy-duty live axle setup.

The ride of the Sequoia is smooth and quiet, with lots of isolation from road noise. Steering inputs from its rack-and-pinion steering system are precise, while its straight-line freeway tracking is excellent.

Braking is handled by four-wheel discs with a standard anti-lock braking system (ABS).

Safety: Dual dashboard airbags, VSC, ABS and side-impact airbags are standard.

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smission	Four-speed automatic
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Camaro Z28 SS Convertible: speed is name of the game

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MATT AND BOB HAGIN
Generation Gap

Bob: Although my first love was the traditional two-seater sports car, I've always had a soft spot for the original American Pony Car concept. Regardless of the maker, it was almost always a compact coupe with a powerful mid-sized V-8 engine.

There was very tight seating in back for two occasional passengers, and it lead youthful buyers away from the big domestic school of design.

Lots of Pony Cars marques have disappeared since the genre burst on the scene in '64, but there's been a few that have hung on to the theme. The Chevy Camaro was a little late in getting it together but when it showed up in '67, it was an instant hit.

Matt: The newest Camaros still adhere to that formula, Dad.

We wrung out the standard Camaro Coupe not too long ago and as I remember, we agreed that with the V-6 engine and an automatic transmission, it was the most reasonable and practical Camaro of the lineup. It could get up and go with all but the fastest cars on the road and still trek along in commuter traffic.

But it's a very different Camaro that we get to evaluate this week. A bright red Camaro convertible is bound to attract a lot of attention in any crowd, but when it's accompanied by the deep-throat rumble of the 346 cubic-inch Corvette-derived engine, only an automotive spoil-sport like Ralph Nader could resist an adrenalin rush.

It rolls along on five-spoke alloy wheels that carry low-profile 17-inch tires, and although the engine is a vintage-design V-8 with two valves per cylinder operated by pushrods, it's all-aluminum and very powerful.

Even without exotic variable valve timing and other high-tech trappings, it puts out 325 horses and 350 pound-feet of torque at 4,000 rpm, and a great deal of that torque is delivered to the ground at just above idle — only 1,400 rpm.

These numbers are slightly higher than the standard Z28 engine since our car came with the "SS" performance package that adds around 15 horses by virtue of some tricks performed on a ram-air induction system and a slightly more open exhaust system.

Bob: Although there's a four-speed automatic available for our Z28 version, our transmission of choice is the six-speed manual gearbox.

It's really kind of pointless to have this many ratios attached to an engine that would perform very well with a four-speed but the extra cogs add bragging rights to a vehicle that needs very little in the way of performance enhancements.

As it is, our tester can knock off the quarter-mile in just over 15 seconds and be doing 107 mph when it goes through the traps.

Top speed is given at 160, but I'd have to be sitting in the passenger's seat when it was demonstrated before I'd believe it.

Matt: The chassis is getting pretty dated after all these years. The front suspension uses double A-arms and coil springs — the same parameters as the original '67 version, and the solid rear axle is a Salsbury-type also carried on coil springs.

It has anti-sway bars at both ends and to keep things from getting totally out of hand in everyday traffic, the SS has an acceleration slip regulation system that avoids unexpected tire burn-outs when the stop light turns green. The system has a manual override when the driver wants to get serious, though.

And just in case that astronomical top speed number is accurate, the car has an SS-specific spoiler built into the trunk lid.

Bob: I was a little disappointed in the front bucket seats on the Camaro. The side support is nothing to write home about and as it was on the first versions, the seat cushions are rather close to the floor.

The sound system uses a 12-disc CD changer that's mounted in the trunk. It's something of a hassle to set it up but with a dozen of them to choose from, the driver doesn't have to change them very often.

And in the real world of Pony Car enthusiasts, it's performance that counts and the SS-model Z28 Camaro convertible has lots of that.

Matt: This is supposedly the last year for the Camaro. General Motors has a propensity toward the elimination a name for a few years and then bringing it back on another, more modern vehicle.

Bob: That's true, Matt, but I'd bet my toolbox the Camaro won't return as a V-8-powered fire-breathing Pony Car like this '02 Z28.

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Horsepower	325 @ 5,200 rpm
Torque	350 @ 4,000 rpm
Transmission	Six-speed manual
Curb Weight	3,578 pounds
Fuel Capacity	16.8 gallons
Tires	(F/R) P275/40ZR17 performance
Brakes	(F/R) Disc (ABS)/disc (ABS)
Drive Train	Front-engine/rear-wheel drive
Vehicle Type	Four-passenger/two-door
Mileage	City/highway 19/28
0-60 mph	5.5 seconds

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Q and A

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came from the J.C. Whitney catalog 30 years ago. As far as I know gasoline is still seasonally formulated.

Q I have a 1984 Honda Accord that I've had for many years but I bought it second hand. It has a four-cylinder engine and around 240,000 miles on it.

I've never really done anything to it except change the oil and the oil filter since I've had it. The oil change shop that I go to recently told me that I should have the camshaft timing belt changed since they sometimes break and ruin the engine.

They don't do that kind of work so I checked with the Honda dealer to see how much it would cost. They gave me a price that was so high I was sure that they were trying to sell me a new car.

Is it really necessary to change this belt? I never had to do it on other cars I've owned.

T.H. Milton, Wash.

A Your Honda has what's called an "interference" cylinder head which means that if that fiber timing belt breaks, the valves stop working and they hit the still-moving pistons, breaking or bending both of them.

With that much mileage, your Honda is long overdue for a new belt and while you're at it, have the water pump, hoses, fan belts and crankshaft oil seals replaced.

If you don't like the prices given to you by the Honda dealer, try an independent Honda repair shop.

You may get a better price there. But get it done soon or you may wind up with a repair bill that's much higher than the worth of the car.

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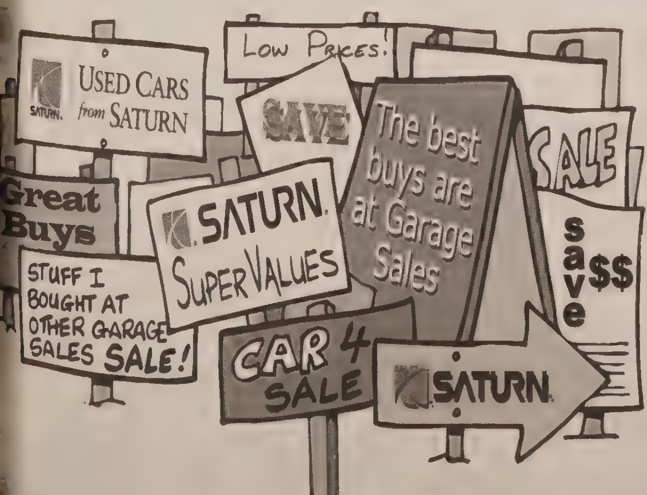

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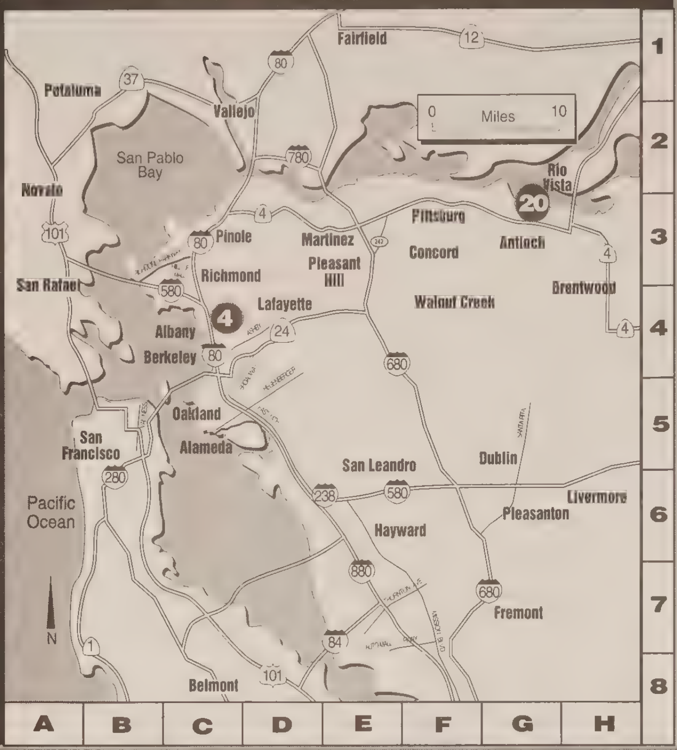

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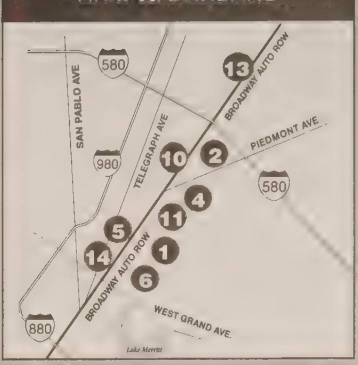

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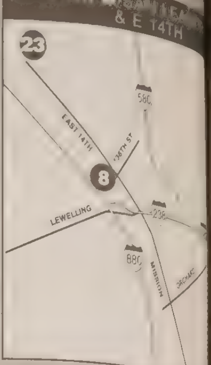

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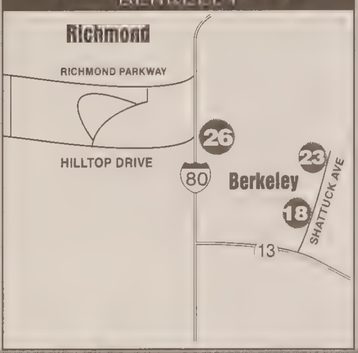

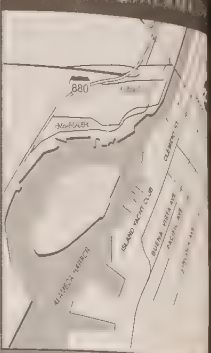

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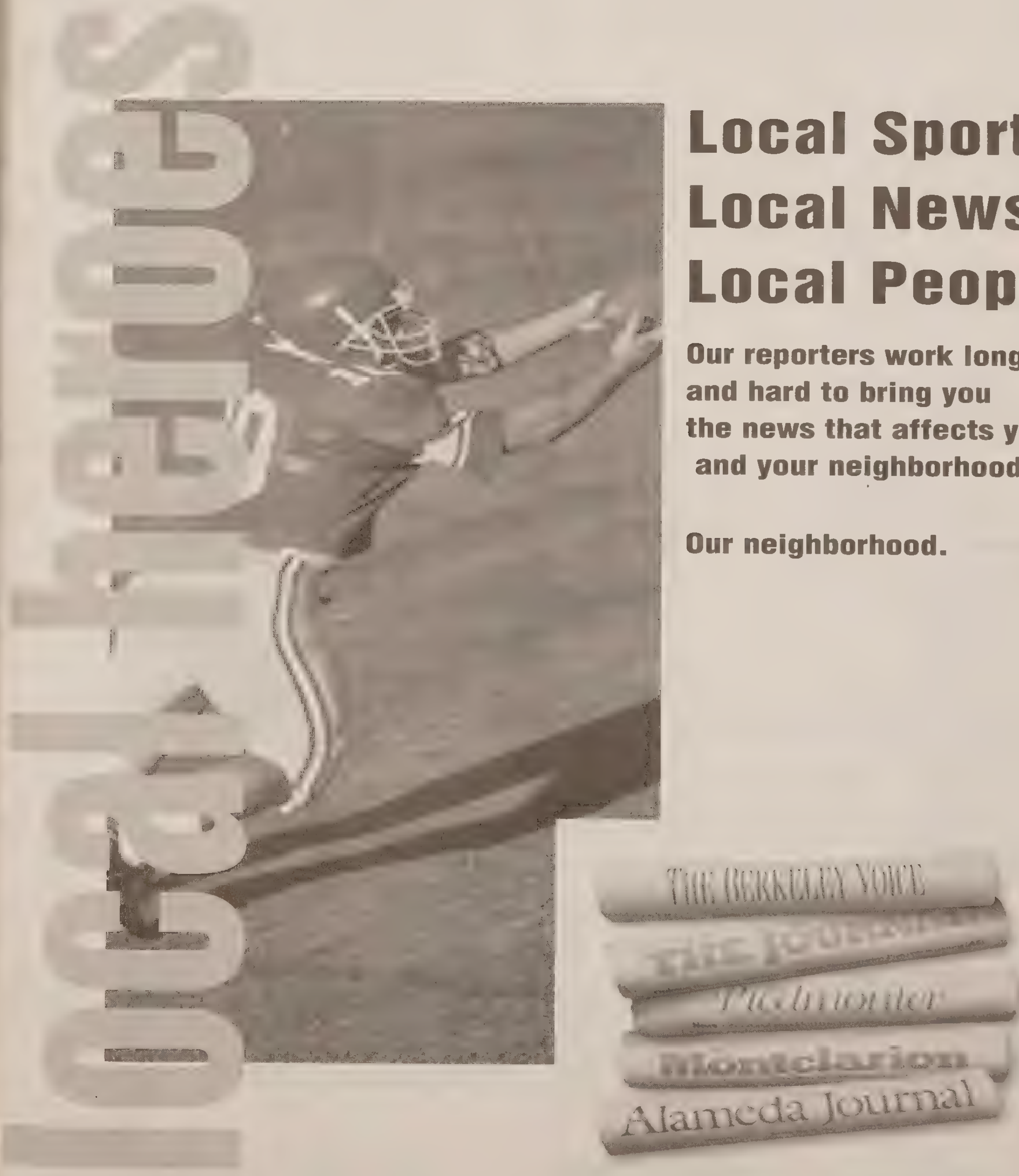

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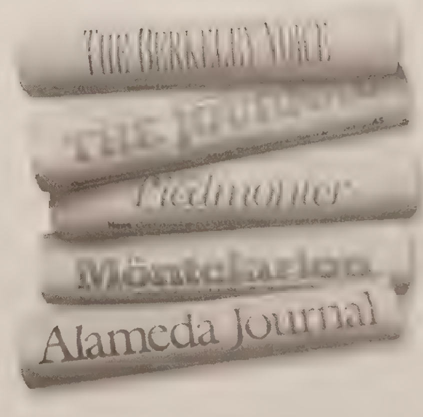

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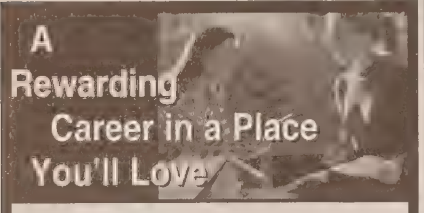

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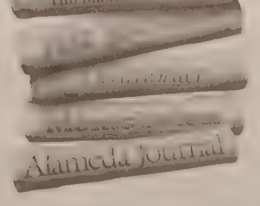

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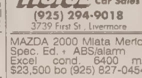

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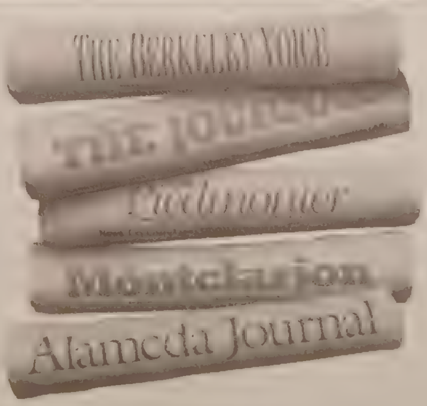

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Albany unwraps 'a beauty' this winter

Part of a $23-llion project, the ym is practical and ines like a jewel

By Dean Rosener
CORRESPONDENT

STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

ALBANY HIGH'S NEW GYMNASIUM — where even the bleachers go for a ride. The new facility seats up to 1,500 fans, has a weight room, wrestling room and 10 backboards for basketball.

ALBANY — The whole town a new holiday toy — one that last for decades. Bright but erstated, Albany High's all-pose gym has opened this r to rave reviews.

"Finally, we have our own n, and it's a beauty," said the ugars' starting point guard, ju- r Danny Ho.

After four years without an -campus home, the basketball, estling and volleyball teams now compete in a state-of-art facility, part of the new, million high school.

"Watch out," said girls' bas-ball coach Yvonne Arnold. e don't want you surprised trapped by our remote-con- bleachers."

Sure enough, Arnold pushes utton and the bleachers dis-ear. Thus a cute, but tiresome, -school tradition — that of weary coach asking fleeing dents to help fold up the achers — is over. At Albany, way.

With the advent of the new , both basketball coaches e noticed a more upbeat atti- among their athletes.

"It was asking a lot to expect m to practice and play all the way out in Alameda," boys' coach Doug Kagawa said. "It's great that the Naval Air Station there took us in, but the four hours of travel and practice took a toll on the (kids) physically and emotionally."

"We never knew when we might get snarled in traffic," Ho said, "so it was hard to make plans for the evening."

The old gym, built in 1934 and demolished in 1997, had a "Hoosiers"-movie kind of old-fashioned charm. It seated just 700, compared to 1,500 for the new gym, but had one plus for a coach.

"A selfish reason for my liking it," Arnold said, "is that there was an eight-foot wall right behind the bench, so I couldn't hear the fans' criticism. But again, that's just selfish."

The time for change had come.

Said Leon Ball, a longtime fan and public-address announcer: "When, as a community, we found out that earthquake-retrofitting the old high school would be almost as expensive as building a new one, it made the decision easy. The new high school, of course, meets all the safety requirements."

When the new bleachers have been snugly removed in that high-tech style, the full size of the gym can be appreciated. There are 10 baskets. Two parallel courts, for team practices and gym classes, intersect the main, game court. All six of those blackboards are glass. Charmingly, each corner of the gym has a basket with an old-style, wooden backboard for shooting practice, gym classes or one-on-ones — or for just goofing around.

Above one side of the bleachers, a walkway extends the length of the gym. Behind it are two rooms, one housing a weight-training facility that is available to all students and faculty, the other for the school's wrestling team. So not only can fans enjoy a high, walkway view of the game, but users of the rooms may take breaks from their headlocks and Nautiluses to enjoy some hoops.

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Berkeley loses in OT

urns records 10 ts, 8 rebounds, 14 points for rkeley High

By Curtis Elliott
CORRESPONDENT

e Berkeley High School Yel- Jackets suffered a heart-ing 58-51 overtime loss at last Friday to the St. h Notre Dame Pilots.

ntae Hall's free throw with seconds left in regulation the Yellow Jackets an ap- t one- win, wasn't to be. oe in-ded the (after al time-) to Ari mer-

Prep boys basketball

St. Joseph	**58**
Berkeley	**51**
(OT)	

Warmerdam initiated con-just as time expired. Most of time the contact would be a call, but this time the refs their whistles.

rmerdam, who'd already seven of eight free throws the night, was definitely not player the Yellow Jackets ed at the line at the end.

me carefully orchestrated noise, and bench noise on Berkeley end, made the free-w shooting experience very leasant, and Warmerdam sed the first one. But he re-uped to bury the second free w and send the game into rtime

"We had an opportunity but n't know how to close them " Berkeley coach Michael gnani said. "The game does-come down to one call."

he Pilots outscored the Yel- Jackets, 9-2, in overtime as Fuller scored six points on own

e Yellow Jackets' offense seemed to stagnate once en Burns went to the bench his third personal foul early e third quarter. Burns had a big inside presence for keley and rang up 10 points eight rebounds. There was lp from the outside, as the Jackets made only one 3-r in the game.

e don't do a good job get- the ball inside. We tend to stand around too much. That's one of our weaknesses," Gragnani said. "We were looking to play inside-out. I'd like to get more 3-point shots. We need to recognize it better."

STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

FIGHTING FOR POSSESSION, Berkeley's Dontae Hall attempted to wrestle the ball from St. Joe's Murphy Holmes. Playing in Berkeley on Dec. 21, the Pilots downed the Yellow Jackets in overtime, 58-51.

The game had started out as a defensive battle as Berkeley led just 7-5 after one quarter of play. The Yellow Jackets had a couple of close calls. Hall, who paced Berkeley with 14 points, got penetration and saw his shot spin around and roll in, but the basket was negated due to an offensive foul. Darryl Perkins buried a 3-pointer from near half court, but the shot was ruled to have been released after the shot clock expired.

Berkeley's offense came to life in the second quarter. Kenneth Alexander made a 3-point basket to help key a 13-4 run by the Yellow Jackets. Burns made a couple of free throws and then Shaun Burl, who scored eight points on the night, made two free throws.

St. Joe came back on a 6-2 run on two offensive putbacks by junior Cameron Quick. Berkeley led 24-17 at the half.

Almost beating a team like St. Joseph (9-2) is impressive. The 'Jackets at 4-4 show they're making strides.

"None of our starters ever played varsity basketball and they're not used to playing in

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California Dreamin' on such a winter's day …

MIKE McGREEHAN
Between the Lines

MY END-OF-THE YEAR wish list, with a final rip at prep winter soccer for 2001, set to the tune of Paul Simon's "I Am a Rock."

"A winter's day … in a deep
and dark December .. "
What a time for a soccer match
Freezing in the cold
Slipping in the slop
When will this nonsense ever stop
Winter soccer
A sporting leper colony

This takeoff on the 1965 Simon and Garfunkel hit sings loudly in the mind when this time of year rolls around, the time when high school winter soccer begins to "heat" up.

The song's title/refrain is most appropriate, too, as people involved in winter soccer — be they parents, coaches, players or officials — must develop Gibraltar-like mentalities, able to withstand all the abuse heaped on them and their beloved sport while faithfully lending it all their effort and support.

Such dedication is commendable. But these folks deserve better.

Well, enough is enough. Heading my Christmas wish list for the umpteenth year — and surely, that of many others — is the end of winter high school soccer, a concept that deserves, to use international soccer lingo, relegation to the annals of sporting history.

Face it, folks. Winter soccer just doesn't work. High school fields aren't made to stand up to the abuse. And sloppy fields detract from the sport.

Moreover, inclement weather leads to postponements and cancellations, a logistical nightmare for all involved. And when the cancellations start to mount in a winter deluge, as they did in a particularly wet winter a few years ago, the season becomes fragmented and the North Coast Section playoffs lose most of their starch. What good are championships when a huge chunk of the season gets washed down the storm drain?

From nonsporting minds come nonsporting answers.

Play on artificial turf, you say. Well, that gets slick, too. And the ball travels faster on AstroTurf, especially, giving the game an unnatural look. Besides, AstroTurf soccer is an injury just waiting to happen. Just ask the boys of Bishop O'Dowd High School about last year's Winter Soccer Classic — especially the guys who turned their ankles on Monsanto's magic carpet at James Logan High.

Winter soccer has other shortcomings, too, especially early in the season when matches end at sunset. Most fields aren't lighted, and — let's face it — human vision isn't equipped to play, coach or officiate in darkness.

Historically, most proposals to eliminate winter soccer — in spite of the headaches it causes — get shot down. The pat answer is lack of field space. But every other sport gets accommodated, why not soccer?

Right here in the good ol' USofA, soccer has grown immensely in the past 10 to 15 years. The U.S. national women's team has won two World Cups with a second-place finish in between. It also has won gold and silver medals in the past two Summer Olympics. As for the men, some — including many in other countries — predict the United States will someday win the World Cup.

Surely, this country has the $$$$$ to both develop the sport and build the national team programs. The infrastructure for this already is in place. And granted, the seeds of soccer are planted — and the sport takes root — at the club levels. But does that mean that the high schools, literally and figuratively, must be left out in the cold?

Like it or not, all high school sports are very political. And in spite of Title IX, increasing diversity, the broadening of interscholastic sports programs, and a generally more enlightened population than a generation ago, the major sports, such as football, still get the biggest slices of the pie while others scramble for the crumbs. When it comes to soccer, moreover, there are many nonbelievers, people living in the sporting Dark Ages who won't have anything to do with the sport.

OK, people have a right not to be soccer fans. But does that mean that soccer folks have to be treated as pariahs?

Soccer, in spite of its growth, is still the Rodney Dangerfield of sports in this country. It gets no respect. It's an easy diss.

At the high school level, soccer gets treated as a sport that spoils everyone else's fun. Some leagues play in fall, others in winter, and some others in spring. Soccer is an afterthought, at best; a major pain for prep sports poohbahs, at worst.

Journalistically, it's hard to compare and contrast teams that play in different parts of the year. And when the teams play under different weather and field conditions, it becomes the equivalent of comparing and contrasting apples and oranges.

No other sport does this. Why soccer?

Winter soccer, specifically, is a sporting Gilligan's Island, people cast adrift and stranded by the political winds of prep sports — the S.S. Minnow punished for going against the wave of the ruling class.

Perhaps winter soccer works in places like Arizona, Hawaii or Cabo San Lucas. But it's a bit tough to schedule games in those places.

Surely, many of us have seen professional matches in foreign countries played in poor weather conditions. Of course, those matches take

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A pleasure to have served

RON SALSIG
Range Rat

WHEREVER I find myself in the days to come, I will have fond memories of my days with the Alameda Journal and the Hills Newspaper Group, memories that will stand alone and bring a smile to my face.

I first came to the building where the Journal now has its newsroom over 13 years ago, to write a local golf column. Those first years were something of a dream. But I was to learn that the local column had my heart.

Little did I know that a big East Bay outfit would buy our local paper, and my column would be expanded to include a number of East Bay papers. Then the outfit bought the Oakland Tribune, and I became a golf writer on the PGA Tour.

They say that if you find your calling, doors will open. This was a bit much.

It was good to get back out on tour after more than a decade of absence. Then again, when I played the tour in the 1970s, it was on Mondays. I re-emerged as a writer, and the first old friend I ran into was Gary McCord.

"A writer!" he said. "Good decision! Best decision you ever made!"

He knew my playing ability.

Learning this business was not easy. My first assignment on tour was the old Tournament of Champions at La Costa. I had never used a portable computer. They handed me the Radio Shack "Trash 80" in Hayward and gave me a brief 10-minute lesson on how to use it. Then I was on an airplane.

I was staring at that Trash 80 in the press room that afternoon in La Costa, completely befuddled. Dan Hruby of the Merc came over and said, "You turn it on here."

Soon after that, I was in trouble with the White House.

Dan Quayle was Vice President. He had told Charlie Peoples that he would play in the People's Open. Quayle was a no-show. I wrote about it. And I forwarded the story to a friend of mine at Golf World magazine.

The day after that magazine came out, I walked into the newsroom and caught angry glares from Tom Tuttle and Mitch Pritchard. They were about to yell all over me when the phone rang. "You get it!" they snapped.

It was the White House. They wanted a retraction.

The White House had been calling the little Alameda newspaper all morning, and deluging the newsroom with faxes. I was speaking with no less than the chief of staff on the phone.

It seems that Quayle had made a mistake by playing golf at a golf course that excluded minorities the week prior to the People's ... and the People's was a minority tournament. My story was damaging.

My response was simple. "Was he a no-show or not?" I asked the chief of staff. I repeated that question often. That was fact and that was that.

Two years later I was at Lake Tahoe covering the Celebrity Classic. It was evening, and only one golfer was left in the twilight, practicing his putting. I went on down there to talk to him.

It was Dan Quayle. Just the two of us.

We talked for a long time. He told me he had his start as a sports writer, a golf writer. He explained why staff thought it was necessary to initiate a power play against me back then, but expressed some admiration that I did not fold. We parted as friends.

I was privileged to cover Tiger Woods before he went to Stanford. Say what you want about his father, Earl. We walked many fairways together, just the two of us. Earl is strong and speaks his mind. I always liked the guy. At heart, he is just a golfer. So he talks a lot. Big deal. So do a lot of golfers. I always considered it part of his charm.

Our newspaper did a job on the 1994 Tour Championship at the Olympic Club. The PGA Tour talks about that coverage to this day. What I remember most is going to Las Vegas the week before, for lead-up stories. Greg Norman was rumored to have cancer and Las Vegas was his first tournament in months.

Norman was not talking to the press. My editor told me if I didn't get Norman, don't bother to come back. I found Norman's car. After he came off the course on Sunday, I found his car, sat on the trunk and waited.

"Hi Ron," Greg said with a laugh. I got the interview. And the next day, in the press room at Olympic, I heard fellow golf writers say, "Get the Trib — they have Norman."

I felt a satisfaction.

But something was missing in the glitz and glamour of the national spotlight. I knew what it was.

To the dismay of the editors in Pleasanton, I had insisted on keeping my local column in Alameda. I found in that local column what I was missing at the national level. It was a sense of purpose, of really doing something for my community.

An old Indian medicine man had told me long ago that nothing is as important in life as giving back. That local column was my way of giving back to my community. The strange satisfaction in the local column transcended even the Norman story.

On June 13, 1996, the Alameda Times-Star died. We were all expelled from the building I loved. Most of us who insisted on writing for Alameda lost our jobs. Very soon thereafter the Journal moved into the building and I was offered a job.

These past five-six years I have been able to devote more of my time to giving back to my home town, and I am grateful. I am one of those guys who was born with a hole inside of me, an abyss that causes me endless consternation and despair if I am not on the right path — that hole inside me has been filled while writing for the Journal. It's not always about money, what we do, why we do it.

I find more satisfaction writing about Jerry Berrow and how he gives free golf equipment to kids than I do writing about Tiger Woods. I feel like I've done something when I cover the Alameda Commuters, the East Bay Juniors, the People's Open. I would rather write about the new golf course at Alameda Point, keep my fellow citizens informed, than talk about the changes at Augusta National.

It is my weakness. It is my strength.

Thank you Alameda Journal.

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McGreehan

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place on professionally maintained fields. And even then, the quality of play suffers.

Winter soccer stinks. In time, as the sport grows, it should gain strength within the CIF and state high school federations nationwide. Maybe then, soccer teams will have a home in the fall or spring, allowing the players to demonstrate all their skills in this most artistic, yet highly competitive, team sport.

Dear Santa, please bring us an end to winter soccer. Perhaps we could have the boys and girls playing at different times of the year, as they do in volleyball and tennis, thereby easing the demand for fields. The quality of the matches surely would improve. And it surely would be great to sing happier tunes in the fall and spring.

Beauty

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The lovely, bright-red wrestling practice room befits a dynasty. In 32 years under coach Kermit Bankson, the Cougars are 298-78 in dual meets, winning 12 league titles.

"We were able to stay on campus those four years," Bankson said, "in a building that wasn't torn down. So it was easier for us than it was for basketball. But the competition area then was about as small as our practice room now.

"I feel so sorry for the students from the classes of 1998 through 2001, who had to live in portables. But you know what? They didn't complain. They kept their spirit."

Now the spirited girls' hoopsters are 5-3 after going 0-22 last winter; and the scrappy boys, though 2-10, have a young, promising team which, like the girls', has no seniors.

"For the last four years, our travel problems might discourage a young player from trying out," said Kagawa. "Now our new gym might encourage him."

Ball was an itinerant fan those four years.

"I live two blocks from the high school," he said. "That's quite a change from an Albany-to-Alameda round trip to see a 'home' game."

There were lots of round trips. His son Jon starred in 1999 and 2000. (A three-sport standout at Albany, Jon is now right fielder as a Lewis and Clark Mike, a sophomore who sity action at guard in 20 now starts.

All three are in the for a mid-December Mt. Diablo. Oder the Red Devils forge with just 2:37 to go

The gym is only the old school spirit and stomping is a push-button Cougars cut the with 1.8 seconds

Mike Ball throws pass that doesn't over. All three Balls only for the moment the rest of Albany their new court.

Hoops

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front of a lot of fans," said Gragnani. "We've improved quite a bit since the De La Salle tournament."

Berkeley was poised to break it open in the third quarter. Khion Tate made a steal and went in for a flying jam and a beautiful floater in the lane by Robert Hunter-Ford gave the Yellow Jackets a 38-33 advantage. Then things started falling apart. Pilot Murphy Holmes buried a 3 and Marcel Williams made a bucket to tie it at 38-38.

Murphy killed the Yellow Jackets all night, knocking down three 3-pointers for nine points. Warmerdam led St. Joseph with 14 points. Fuller had 11 and Quick had nine for the Pilots.

Saturday, Berkeley was scheduled to take on powerful Riordan.

"We get to go right back to work (tomorrow)," Gragnani said. "This is a test. We'll see how we respond to our adversity. We can either come together, or this can pull us apart."

PREP ROUNDUP

Boys' basketball

Acalanes 72, El Cerrito 53

LAFAYETTE — Zach Clark scored 19 points as Acalanes posted its sixth straight victory by beating El Cerrito 72-53 in a nonleague game.

John Rhodes added four 3-pointers and 15 points for the Dons (7-1). The Gauchos (2-8) led 20-18 after the first quarter before Acalanes went on a 17-6 run. Terrance Henderson led El Cerrito with 14 points; Joseph Ford added 10 points.

■ ALBANY — Trailing 35-23 at the half, Albany (2-10) could not get on track as Tamalpais handed the Cougars a 63-47 loss in nonleague play.

Sam Laird led the Cougars with 10 points and made two three-pointers. Matt Ball also made two from beyond the arc on his way to an eight-point night.

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Here's to the best of 2001

TIME ONCE again to compile our annual year-end critical lists of the best nd worst in local/ ational TV nd radio. Since it's been such bad year for so many Ameri-ans, we'll end the year on an pbeat note by listing our Bests his week. Next week we'll ame the Losers of 2001.

Ten Best Best Cable and roadcast Series:

■ "The Sopranos" (HBO). uperb writing and acting puts his mob-family drama in a lass all by itself.

■ "The West Wing" (NBC). Having an off year, but still a olid show.

■ Malcolm in the Middle" ox). TV's best comedy is as ventive as it is funny.

■ The Daily Show" (Comdy Central): Audacious host on Stewart has the quickest comedy mind on TV, and his show always has an edge.

■ "The Simpsons" (Fox): Still perhaps TV's mopst consistently clever show.

■ "Futurama" (Fox): "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening's ther show is unfailingly imaginative — and funny.

■ "Six Feet Under" (Showime). This new, limited-run seies from "American Beauty" reator Alan Ball was well-writn, iconoclastic, and utterly icting.

■ "Frontline" (PBS): TV's investigative-journalism es.

■ "Law and Order" (NBC): ll three "L&O" shows feature irst-rate acting and writing.

■ "Frasier" (NBC): Though ot nearly as strong as its first ew superb seasons, this geneel comedy is having a comeack year.

Honorable Mention: "Nova" PBS); "Titus" (Fox); "NYPD lue" (NBC); "Gilmore Girls" WB); "King of The Hill" (Fox); 60 Minutes" (CBS); "24" (Fox); The Tick" (Fox); "Whose Line It Anyway?" (ABC); "American Experience" (PBS). Best ids' Shows: "Sesame Street," eletubbies" (PBS).

■ Best National News Anhor: Tom Brokaw (NBC). The vel-headed Brokaw's comon sense and unfailing prossionalism were mucheded the past three months.

■ Best National Newscast: BC World News Tonight": Inrnationalist/anchor Peter Jenings was the man of the hour is year — he's been the sole oldout among the networks nchors pushing for more overeas news. This year we found ut why it was needed.

■ Best Local TV Newscast: The 10 O'Clock News (KTVU). 's still the gold standard in lol television news. Good anhors, solid reporters, and areful writing make for an unatable and reliable news ackage.

■ Best Local TV Anchors: om Sinkovitz, Catherine eenan (KRON). Both these olks (long-time weekend partners) are solid pros who can lso think on their feet and can dd something extra to a story. Honorable Mention: Kate Kelly, en Bastida (KPIX); Brian ackney and Pam Moore KRON); Dennis Richmond KTVU). All the above are class cts.

■ Best Local TV Reporters: ita Williams, Lloyd LaCuesta, ob MacKenzie, Randy Shanobil, Tom Vacar (KTVU); Noel isneros, Don Knapp, Dianne ee, Greg Lyon, Joe Ducey KRON); Manny Ramos, Tony ussomanno (KPIX); Carolyn yler (KGO).

Best TV Trend: A downtrend in the popularity of TV's rowth area, reality shows, ost-911. Several were shelved, nd the silly "Survivor" is losg viewers and its days could e numbered.

■ Underrated Broadcast ournalist: KCBS Radio's weeknd anchor Steve Little. Little's nchoring and reporting work t the Peabody Award-winning ll-news San Francisco station solid and professional. Little, ith Al Hart's retirement, is ow KCBS' senior anchor.

■ Best Local Radio Reorters: East Bay beat man

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FILM WITH REAL PUNCH: Mario Van Peebles plays Malcolm X and Will Smith has the title role in the riveting "Ali."

A KO for Smith, 'Ali'

Michael Mann's grand portrait doesn't offer deep insight, but plenty to appreciate, absorb

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

MOVIE REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Ali"
- **STARRING:** Will Smith, Jamie Foxx, Jon Voight, Mario Van Peebles, Jada Pinkett Smith
- **RATING:** R (some language and brief violence)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 37 minutes
- **WHERE:** Now playing at area theaters

There are those who would argue against making any kind of movie but a documentary about Muhammad Ali, because as a hero he's too unique, too special, too treasured to replicate.

These people will probably resist Michael Mann's masterful "Ali," which stars a beefed-up Will Smith in the title role. But if you don't already know that much about the most charismatic athlete of the 20th century, then you will be enthralled by "Ali."

It's not a bio-pic in the strictest sense of the word, but rather an impressionistic, sensual journey through a decade in Ali's life, from his triumphant and shocking 1964 defeat of then-heavyweight-champ Sonny Liston to his notorious 1974 "Rumble in the Jungle," when he traveled to Zaire to try to regain his title from George Foreman.

Along the way we see him evolve from a braggart named Cassius Clay to a devout Muslim named Muhammad Ali, whose quick-footed accomplishments in the ring matched his motormouth. The film covers his refusal to fight in Vietnam, his subsequent punishment by boxing officials, then his legal battle to avoid imprisonment for dodging the draft. Ali's personal and professional history unfolds alongside America's, and we catch poignant glimpses of the assassinations of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr., as well as fleeting portraits of Ali's first three wives. In short, there's an enormous amount of history crammed into 2½ hours.

But Mann ("The Insider," "Heat") never makes this a conventional history lesson. In the first 15 or so minutes of the film there's no exposition, just music pulsating behind dreamy snapshots of moments that gave Ali his identity. As a small boy clutching a grown-up's hand, he makes his way to the back of a bus, staring wide-eyed at headlines about Emmett Till's murder. We see him embracing Islam, training for the fight against Liston, and meeting the man who will become his lifelong friend, Drew "Bundini" Brown (the riveting Jamie Foxx), a swaggering trickster with a gift for the gab (he came up with the float-like-a-butterfly, sting-like-a-bee line).

All of this feels a bit like a hallucination, like visiting Ali's mind and seeing the memories that glow hot in his head. You have to admire Mann's bravery in starting the movie this way, although when you remember what a mood-master he is (think "Miami Vice"), it makes perfect sense.

The slim Smith doesn't spring to mind as an obvious choice to play Ali, although both men have an inherent elegance and grace. But he poured himself heart and soul into the role, enduring six-hour-a-day workouts and bulked up to 220 pounds to prepare. It paid off. Smith has Ali's beautiful body language down pat, from head to toe. When you see him bruised, his face swollen during the Foreman fight, you'll be astonished at the resemblance.

Smith's sense of comic timing, so crucial to his success in movies such as "Independence Day" and "Men in Black," also

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Auditions, early exits and a new company

WHAT BETTER time than now — this odd week between Christmas and the New Year — to introduce a newcomer to the East Bay theatrical scene. Say "Howdy" and "Glad to see you," to Many Rivers Theater Project.

It's a good time because Many Rivers, like most of us caught in this curious interval between nostalgia and potential, is looking both backward and forward. In short, the new company is looking at the past unbalanced diversity in local theater, both on stage and in the audiences, and looking ahead with a plan to change all of that.

The new East Bay professional theater ensemble, created by long-time local theater artists, is embarking on a long-term plan to assemble people from many different backgrounds to experience their shows together in the same audience.

The goal is not wholly new, of course. Other theater companies have tried to build diverse audiences. Results have been spotty.

Many Rivers — a beautifully poetic image of enriching, diverse tributaries converging into a common pool — aims to explore a new method of audience development.

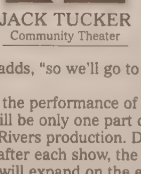
Terry Lamb, actor, writer, director and core member, explains:

"Initially, the project will abandon traditional performance spaces," he says, "and instead take its productions directly to specific groups in the places where they normally congregate — churches, community centers, libraries, offices, union halls, restaurants, even private homes.

"They're not coming to us," Lamb adds, "so we'll go to them."

COURTESY KEVIN BIRNE.BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE

CHARLES SHAW ROBNSON, left, and Nathan Darrow perform in William Shakepeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," running through Jan. 4, 2002 at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre in Berkeley.



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

But the performance of a play will be only one part of a Many Rivers production. Directly after each show, the group will expand on the emotional and intellectual journey taken as the play has unfolded. Performers, audience members, and, in some cases, professional facilitators, will mingle and talk about the play and the world.

Donna Davis, another core member, actor, director, writer and acting coach, describes these post-show discussions and other interactions, as "the sip, nibble and chat" part of the overall event.

Many Rivers does not intend to abandon traditional theater spaces. Ultimately, the group hopes to bring together in a theater the diverse audiences it has developed, have them interact with plays, and carry on this interaction through other activities.

Other principals in Many Rivers, all with similar writing and theatrical experience, include Michael Brown and Hal Gelb.

Lamb is creating and directing the group's first touring production, "The Game of Sides," an allegory that crosses age and cultural lines. It will be ready for performance in February. Those interested in arranging a performance or getting more information about Many Rivers can contact Lamb at 510-524-6950 or at terylam@pacbell.net.

'MUCH ADO' EXITS EARLY: Heads up, all of you who have heard much about Berkeley Rep's extraordinary staging of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," but who have, as yet, done lit-

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EVENTS

Children

Barnes And Noble, Oakland — "Kids Story Times," ongoing. Stories will be read in the Children's book area
Free. Thursday, 4 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m. 98 Broadway, Jack London Square, Oakland. 510-272-0120

Berkeley Public Library — CENTRAL LIBRARY — JoJo La Plume Jan. 5, 10:30 a.m. A marionette show performed to ethnic music and sounds of nature
2121 Allston Way 510-644-6100
CLAREMONT BRANCH — Puppet Art Theater Company, Jan. 2, 3 p.m.
2940 Benvenue Ave. 510-981-6280
NORTH BRANCH — Puppet Art Theater Company, Jan. 3, 3 p.m.
1170 The Alameda. 510-981-6250
SOUTH BRANCH — Puppet Art Theater Company. Jan. 2, 10:30 a.m.
1901 Russell St. 510-981-6260
WEST BRANCH — Puppet Art Theater Company, Jan. 3, 11 a.m.
1125 University Ave. 510-981-6270 Berkeley

Buddy Club Children's Shows — Ace Miles, Jan. 6, 1 p.m. Ventriloquist, magician, juggler and escape artist performs a show for children ages 2 through 12
$7. Berkeley Jewish Community Center Theater, 1414 Walnut St. Berkeley. 510-236-SHOW or www.thebuddyclub.com

Children's Fairyland USA — A fairy tale theme park featuring more than 30 colorful fantasy sets. Designed especially for children age 10 and under, there are gentle rides, a train, the "Peter Rabbit Village," puppet shows story-telling and lots of slides and animals
"Play Island," ongoing. A multi-level treehouse play area inspired by the novel "Swiss Family Robinson."
"The Nutcracker" Puppet Show closing Dec. 30. The delightful tale of a young girl given a nutcracker for Christmas that turns into a prince and takes her on an evening of adventure to foreign lands. Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
$6 general includes unlimited rides special shows, guest entertainers and puppet shows; free children under age 1. Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 699 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. 510-452-2259 510-238-6878 or www.fairyland.org

Cody's Books — Preschool storytime, Wednesday and Saturday 10:30 a.m.
1730 Fourth St., Berkeley. 510-559-9500

Dunsmuir House And Gardens Historic Estate — Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 40-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion
Mansion Tours, Friday through Sunday, 11:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The tours are 45 minutes long and begin every 15 minutes. Reservations required. Admission and Mansion Tour: $10 general; $9 seniors; $6 youths age 6 to 13
GROUNDS — The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.
Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. (925) 275-9490 or 510-615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org

Habitot Children's Museum — A museum especially for children age 7 and younger. Highlights include "WaterWorks," an area with some unusual water toys, an Infant Tree for babies, a garden especially for toddlers, a child-scale grocery store and cafe, and a costume shop and stage for junior thespians. The museum also features a toy lending library.
EXHIBIT — "Back to the Farm," open-ended. This interactive exhibit gives children the chance to wiggle through tunnels like an earthworm, look into a mirrored fish pond, don farm animal costumes, ride on a John Deere tractor and much more.
$4 adults; $6 children age 7 and under; $3 for each additional child. Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kittredge Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. 510-647-1111 or www.habitot.org

Hall Of Health Museum — A hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center.
EXHIBITS — "This Is Your Heart!" ongoing. An interactive exhibit on heart health.
"Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercycle for calculating how calories are burned.
"Draw Your Own Insides," ongoing.

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Vera H-C Chan and Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Anthony Breznican, Christy Lemire and Tim Molloy, Associated Press; Stephen Holden, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Bob Strauss, Los Angeles Daily News; Kevin Thomas, Los Angeles Times; Gary Dowell, Tom Maurstad and Chris Vognar, Dallas Morning News.

OPENING TODAY

"DINNER RUSH" (R)
Danny Aiello stars as a restaurateur whose two sons cook up some trouble.

"VENGO" (NR)
Two warring Spanish families express themselves through flamenco on the dance floor.

"THE AFFAIR OF THE NECKLACE: Based on a true story set in pre-Revolutionary France, this film is a clever con-artist tale about a scheme to steal a lavish adornment. Hilary Swank plays Jeanne de la Motte-Valois, an orphan trying to regain the fortune of her disgraced father. She falls in love with court gigolo Retaux de Villete (Simon Baker), who instructs her on the subtle arts of manipulation. They devise an elaborate ruse to defraud the cardinal, disgrace the queen and return Jeanne to the wealth she deserves. Although it looks like a costume drama, it's really a movie about human jackals. Director Charles Shyer wisely prevents the visual opulence from obscuring the cruelty at the heart of this political intrigue. — A. Breznican. (R: some sexuality.) 2 hours. **B**

"ALI": There are those who would argue against making any kind of movie but a documentary about Muhammad Ali because as a hero, he's too special, too treasured to replicate. They will probably resist Michael Mann's masterful "Ali," starring a beefed-up and tip-top Will Smith in the title role. But if you don't already know that much about the most charismatic athlete of the century, then you will be enthralled by Mann's beautiful and impressionistic journey through a decade in Ali's life, from his triumphant and shocking 1964 defeat of then heavyweight champ Sonny Liston to his notorious 1974 "Rumble in the Jungle." — M. Pols. (R: some language and brief violence.) 2 hours, 37 minutes. **A-**

"A BEAUTIFUL MIND": Very good by-the-book filmmaking from director Ron Howard. The film spans 47 years in the life of John Forbes Nash Jr. (Russell Crowe), a mathematical genius who won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 1994. Doubtless the element that made Crowe want to play Nash (brilliantly, as usual) is that he also suffers from schizophrenia, and has for decades Daring only in its subject matter — math and mental illness — the movie follows the careful trajectory of a classic inspirational story, occasionally veering into the medicinal, but still undeniably moving and effective. Jennifer Connelly is excellent as Nash's wife. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense thematic material, sexual content and a scene of violence.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. **B+**

"BEHIND ENEMY LINES": A military thriller heavy on the flag-waving, but notable for its brisk action sequences and the charisma of its star, Owen Wilson. He plays an American flight navigator who gets shot down in the forests of Bosnia. While a team of nasty Serbs hunt him like a fox, fearful he'll give away the location of a mass grave, his commanding officer (Gene Hackman) tries to figure out a way to rescue him. The movie takes a rapid swan dive near the end, heading into major cheese territory, but there's a lot of lively action along the way. — M. Pols. (PG-13: war violence and some language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **C+**

"BLACK KNIGHT": If you like Martin Lawrence's shtick, then go. Otherwise, stand in line for "Harry Potter." Lawrence tones it down as Jamal Skywalker, a vainglorious Los Angeles theme park worker who ends up in the year 1328. The film can't stay the kind of family fable it purports to be: Horny princesses, beheadings, revolution, 21st-century cussing and humiliation by manure detract from the general merrymaking. Lawrence does manage to convey some charm, but as the fish out of water, he can only flop around so much. — V. Chan. (PG-13: language, brief sexuality, scatological humor.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. **C-**

"BURNT MONEY": Marcelo Pineyro's operatic "Burnt Money" is a gay "Bonnie and Clyde" based on a true story that occurred in Argentina and Uruguay between September and November 1965. Fontana (Ricardo Bartis), a veteran bank robbery mastermind, is having second thoughts about the team he's lined up for his next job. His driver, Cuervo (Pablo Echarri), is a cokehead who spends the night before the heist on nonstop sex. His stickup men are lovers Nene (Leonardo Sbaraglia) and Angel (Eduardo Noriega). They are fearless, but Angel hears voices, and there's no guessing what they're going to command him to do next. The team grabs the loot and heads for Uruguay. It is in the limbo of a hideout that the story begins in earnest as the men start unraveling. The cinematography is wonderfully gritty. "Burnt Money" represents the bold, confident kind of filmmaking that gets away with everything. — K. Thomas. (NR) 2 hour, 5 minutes. **B**

"THE BUSINESS OF STRANGERS": Middle-aged executive Julie (Stockard Channing) blows a sales presentation thanks to the tardiness of twentysomething assistant Paula (Julia Stiles). The subsequent plot twists lead filmgoers to form judgments about the characters, only to throw them into serious doubt. When Julie thinks she's about to be dismissed, she is instead promoted. Julie fires Paula, but then meets her in a hotel bar and tries to apologize. A one-night power struggle between the two unfolds in the business-class captivity of airport and hotel environments. Writer-director Patrick Stettner lets the audience form its own conclusions about the issues he raises — gender politics, personal vs. professional choices, and the generation gap among working women. In the end, we wonder if we know the business of strangers at all. — T. Molloy. (R: violence and some sexuality.) 1 hour, 24 minutes. **C+**

"THE DEVIL'S BACKBONE": A brooding, somber sense of dread pervades this sharp and detailed ghost story that takes place in a lonely boarding school late in the Spanish Civil War. Like "The Others," this film is artfully made as it tells its story about a young boy who discovers that there's a snake in the garden of the school. Director Guillermo del Toro knows how to tell a horror story, but he does so with heartache and a sense of history as well. — A.O. Scott (R: scenes of sexuality and gruesome violence.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. **A-**

"THE ENDURANCE": A documentary about Sir Ernest Shackleton's legendary journey to the Antarctic, based on Caroline Alexander's book. On board his ship "The Endurance," with his crew of 27, Shackleton spent one agonizing winter trapped in the ice pack, then more than a year trying to reach civilization and save his crew. The film brings the story to life and imparts a timely message about man's tenacity, his ability to survive against all odds and the loyalty inherent in true leadership. The narrative is straightforward PBS-style fare, but it is made remarkable by the use of Frank Hurley's photographs and moving footage of the journey. Don't miss this one. — M. Pols (G) 1 hour, 33 minutes **A-**

"THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING": A soulful, passionate giant of a movie, one that will live long past 2001. New Zealand director Peter Jackson's ("Heavenly Creatures") adaptation of the first third of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic "Lord of the Rings" enraptures you with its dramatic storytelling and visuals and leaves you rejoicing that there are filmmakers out there who have the guts to make a movie destined for vast commercial success that's also intelligent and ferociously heartfelt Terrifying when it should be, moving when it should be, this holds true to Tolkien's vision. One of the best movies of the year. — M. Pols. (PG-13: epic battle sequences and scary images.) 2 hours, 58 minutes. **A**

"HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE": Director Chris Columbus has done what fans of J. K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" books prayed he'd do, bringing the story of the orphaned 11-year-old wizard to life exactly as we all envisioned it. There are flaws here and there, mistakes that often go hand in hand with "big" movies — way too much music, a nip and a tuck here and there in a story that sprawled magnificently on the page, and computer work that occasionally shows the limitations of movie magic. But the three young stars far exceed expectations and the adult cast is just right. How you'll feel about this picture if you're not already in Harry's thrall is an entirely different question, one we're not ashamed to admit we can't answer. — M. Pols (PG: some scary moments and mild language.) 2 hours, 32 minutes. **A-**

"HOW HIGH": The marijuana comedy is back in this direct descendant of Cheech & Chong flicks like "Up in Smoke" and "Nice Dreams." This hip-hop comedy, though, makes those films seem positively sophisticated. Rappers Redman and Method Man star as two guys from the 'hood who stumble across some magical weed that allows them to ace their college placement exams and land scholarships to Harvard. Most of the jokes are of the fast-talking, expletive-laced-insult variety. "How High," which looks quick and cheap, is the directorial debut of Jesse Dylan, Bob's son. — R Butler (R: language, drug use, brief nudity.) 1 hour, 30 minutes **D+**

"IN THE BEDROOM": A beautifully directed, written and acted movie about guilt, blame and loss, set in a small seaside town in Maine. Sissy Spacek and Tom Wilkinson star as parents whose lives change after their son (Nick Stahl) gets involved in a potentially dangerous relationship.

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change.
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Showtimes for Friday December 28

Alameda County

Act 1 and 2
2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-843-3456
•**The Devil's Backbone** (R) 1:30, 4.30, 7:15, 10
•**In the Bedroom** (R) 1, 4, 6:45, 9:45

Albany Twin
1115 Solano Ave, Albany 510-843-3456
•**Amelie** (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6 30, 9:30
•**Man Who Wasn't There** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7, 9:45

California Theatre
2113 Kittredge St., Berkeley 510-843-3456
•Theatre Closed for Earthquake Retrofit.

Century 16 Bayfair Mall *
350 Bayfair Mall, San Leandro 510-276-5694
•**Ali** (R) 12:25, 1:25, 3:50, 4:50, 6:30, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:40
•**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) 12:10, 3:25, 7:10, 10:25
•**How High** (R) 11:30, 12:45, 1:50, 3, 4:05, 5:20, 6.35, 7:40, 8:50, 10:10
•**Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) 11:40, 12:35, 1.40, 2:30, 4.30, 4:30, 7
•**Joe Somebody** (PG) 11:40, 1:55, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
•**Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) 11:35, 2:20, 5, 7:45, 10:30
•**The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) 11:25, 12:20, 1:35, 3:10, 4:10 5:25, 7, 8, 9:15, 10:45
•**The Majestic** (PG) 12:15, 3:30, 7:05, 10:15
•**Not Another Teen Movie** (R) 11:20, 1:30, 3.40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:20
•**Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 4:55, 7:55, 10:35
•**Vanilla Sky** (R) 1:15, 4:25, 7:30, 9:20, 10:25

Century 25 Union City *
32100 Alvarado Blvd, Union City 510-487-9593
•**A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) 11:45, 12:55, 2:40, 4, 5:30, 7:10, 8:30, 10:10, 11:20
•**Ali** (R) 11, 11:20, 12:25, 1:25, 2:25, 2:55, 3:50, 4:45, 5:50, 6:20, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 9:45, 10:40, 11:30, 12:15.
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•**The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) 11:40, 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05.
•**Vanilla Sky** (R) 12:40, 3:55, 7, 7:40, 10, 10:40.

Chabot Cinema
2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-582-2555
•**The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) 12, 4, 8.

Chabot Space & Science Center *
10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland 510-336-7300
•**The Living Sea** (Not Rated) 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 8:30.
•**Mysteries of Egypt** (Not Rated) 2:30.
•**Solarmax** (Not Rated) 12:30.
•**To Be An Astronaut** (Not Rated) 4:30.

Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530
•**Behind Enemy Lines** (PG-13) 4:45, 9:10.
•**Focus** (PG-13) 1, 5, 7:10.
•**Heist** (R) 2:20, 7.
•**Iron Monkey** (PG-13) 2:40, 7:05.
•**K-Pax** (PG-13) 12:10, 4:30, 9:05.
•**Porn Star: The Legend of Ron Jeremy** (Not Rated) 3:10, 9:20.

Fine Arts Cinema *
2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-848-1143
•Theatre temporarily closed.

Renaissance Grand Lake
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556
•**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) 11:45, 2:45, 6, 9.
•**Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) 1, 4:15, 7, 9:45.
•**The Lord of the Ring** (PG-13) 12, 4, 8.
•**The Majestic** (PG) 12:15, 3:15, 6:30, 9:30.

Jack London Cinema *
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
•**A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) 12:45, 4, 7:15, 10:20.
•**Ali** (R) 12, 3:30, 7:05, 10:30.
•**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) 12:15, 3:45, 7:10, 10:25.

•**How High** (R) 12:30, 3, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35
•**Jimmy Neutron** (G) 11:50, 2:15, 4:30, 7
•**Joe Somebody** 11:30, 1.55, 4:20, 7 20, 10
•**The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) 11, 2:45, 6:30, 9:15, 10:15
•**Ocean's Eleven** 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8, 10:40
•**Vanilla Sky** (R) 10:45, 1:45, 4:40, 7:45, 10:45

Hayward 9 *
19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 510-785-8000
•**Harry Potter** (PG) 12:05, 3:15, 7:05, 10:15
•**How High** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
•**Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) 11:20, 12, 1:50, 2:30, 4:20, 5, 7, 7:30, 9.30
•**Joe Somebody** (PG) 11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
•**The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) 11, 11:50, 3, 4:10, 7, 8, 9, 11
•**The Majestic** (PG) 12:40, 4, 7:10, 10:20
•**Not Another Teen Movie** (R) 11:40, 2:20, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30

Naz 8 Cinemas *
39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 510-797-2000
Cal. theatre for movies and times

Renaissance Oaks Theatre *
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
•**The Majestic** (PG) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 10
•**The Shipping News** (R) 1, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45.

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave, Oakland 510-843-3456
•**Amelie** (R) 1, 3:45, 6:30, 9:30
•**Man Who Wasn't There** (R) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:15.
•**Royal Tenenbaums** (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45.

Shattuck Cinemas *
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-3456
•**Ali** (R) 1:45, 5, 8:15.
•**Business of Strangers** (R) 2:50, 5:15, 7:50, 9:55.
•**The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition** (G) 12:45
•**How High** (R) 12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05.
•**Monsters, Inc.** (G) 12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:05.
•**No Man's Land** 12:55, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:10.
•**Ocean's Eleven** 1:10, 2, 3:35, 4:40, 7 25, 8:50, 10
•**The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) 1, 1:50, 3:30, 4:30, 6, 7, 8:30, 9:30.
•**Vanilla Sky** (R) 1:05, 4, 6, 6:55, 9:45.
•**Waking Life** (R) 9:20.

United Artists Berkeley
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1487
•**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) 11, 2:30, 5.55, 9:30
•**Jimmy Neutron** (G) 11:15, 2, 4:30, 7:15.
•**Joe Somebody** 11:45, 2:20, 5, 7:45, 10:35.
•**Kate and Leopold** 12, 3:15, 7:05, 10:30
•**The Lord of the Rings** (PG-13) 10:30, 11:30, 2:45, 3:30, 7, 8, 10:45.
•**Not Another Teen Movie** (R) 11:10, 1:45, 4:25, 7, 9:45.
•**Spy Game** (R) 10:05.

United Artists Emery Bay 10 *
6330 Christie, Emeryville 510-420-0107
•**A Beautiful Mind** 10:40, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40.
•**Ali** (R) 11:30, 3:15, 7:10, 10:40.
•**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) 11:45, 3:30, 7, 10:30
•**Jimmy Neutron** (G) 10:30, 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30.
•**Joe Somebody** 11:15, 2:15, 5, 7:50, 10:15.
•**Kate and Leopold** 10:50, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10.
•**The Lord of the Rings** 10:30, 2:45, 7, 9:45, 10:45.
•**Not Another Teen Movie** (R) 11, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:15, 12.
•**Ocean's Eleven** 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45, 12:30.
•**Vanilla Sky** (R) 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30.

United Artists Hayward 6 *
24800 Hesperian, Hayward 510-786-3000
•**Ali** (R) 1, 2, 4:30, 5:30, 8, 9.
•**Behind Enemy Lines** 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50.
•**Kate and Leopold** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15.
•**Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10.
•**Vanilla Sky** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10.

Central Contra Costa

Renaissance Orinda Theatre *
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
•**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) 11:45, 3, 6, 9.
•**The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) 12, 4, 8.
•**The Majestic** (PG) 12:15, 3:15, 6:30, 9:30.

Renaissance Park Theatre
3519 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-7997
•**Amelie** (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:35.

Rheem Theatre *
350 Park St, Moraga 925-988-3411
•**Ali** (R) 12:30, 4, 7:45.
•**Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) 12:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30.
•**Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40.
•**Vanilla Sky** (R) 1, 4:10, 7, 9:35.

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345
•**A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) 1, 4, 7:20, 10:15.
•**Ali** (R) 11, 12:25, 1:25, 2:25, 3:50, 4:50, 5:50, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:40.
•**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (PG) 12.10, 3:45, 7:05, 10:20
•**How High** (R) 12:40, 3, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:20, 10:25
•**Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) 11:15, 12:30, 1 35, 2:45, 3 40, 5, 7
•**Joe Somebody** (PG) 11:30, 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
•**Kate and Leopold** (PG-13) 11:10, 2, 4:55, 7:55, 10:30.
•**The Lord of the Rings** (PG-13) 11:25, 12:20, 3:10, 4:10, 7, 8, 9:30, 10.45
•**The Majestic** (PG) 12, 3:30, 6:55, 10:10
•**Not Another Teen Movie** (R) 12:05, 2:15, 4:35, 6:50, 9:10
•**Ocean's Eleven** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 8:10, 10 35
•**Vanilla Sky** (R) 11:20, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14 *
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•**A Beautiful Mind** 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30.
•**Ali** (R) 12:30, 4, 7:30, 8:10, 10:55
•**Harry Potter** 1:10, 4:30, 7:45, 10:50
•**How High** 12:50, 3:20, 5.40, 8, 10:20, 12.40
•**Joe Somebody** (PG) 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:10, 7:55, 10:20, 12.35
•**Kate and Leopold** 10:45, 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:25.
•**The Lord of the Rings** (PG-13) 11, 12, 3, 4, 7, 10:45, 11:30
•**The Majestic** 10:10, 1, 4:15, 7:35, 10:45
•**Monsters, Inc.** (G) 11:05, 1:15, 4:25, 7:20
•**Not Another Teen Movie** (R) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45 8:05, 10:15, 12:25
•**The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) 10, 11:55, 2:30 5:05, 7:50, 9:35, 10:35, 12:30
•**The Shipping News** (R) 10:30, 1:10, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55, 12:45.
•**Vanilla Sky** (R) 10:30, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45

AMC Kabuki 8 *
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-931-9800
•**Ali** (R) 12:25, 4, 7:30, 11.
•**How High** (R) 11:25, 1:45, 4:35, 7:05, 9:45
•**Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) 10:40, 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45, 9:55.
•**Kate and Leopold** 10:30, 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
•**The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) 11, 3, 7, 10:55
•**Not Another Teen Movie** (R) 12:45, 3:15, 5:35, 8:05, 10:20
•**Ocean's Eleven** 11:15, 2, 5, 7:55, 10:45
•**Vanilla Sky** (R) 1, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30

Bridge Theatre *
3010 Geary Blvd, San Francisco 415-352-0818
•**The Man Who Wasn't There** (R) 2, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45.

Castro Theatre *
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
•**Female Trouble** (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:20

Clay Theatre
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-352-0810
•**Amelie** (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7, 9:50.

Embarcadero Center Cinema *
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0810
•**The Business of Strangers** (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:20.
•**The Devil's Backbone** 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10.
•**In the Bedroom** 12:20, 1, 3:15, 4, 6:30, 7, 9:30, 9:50
•**No Man's Land** 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40.

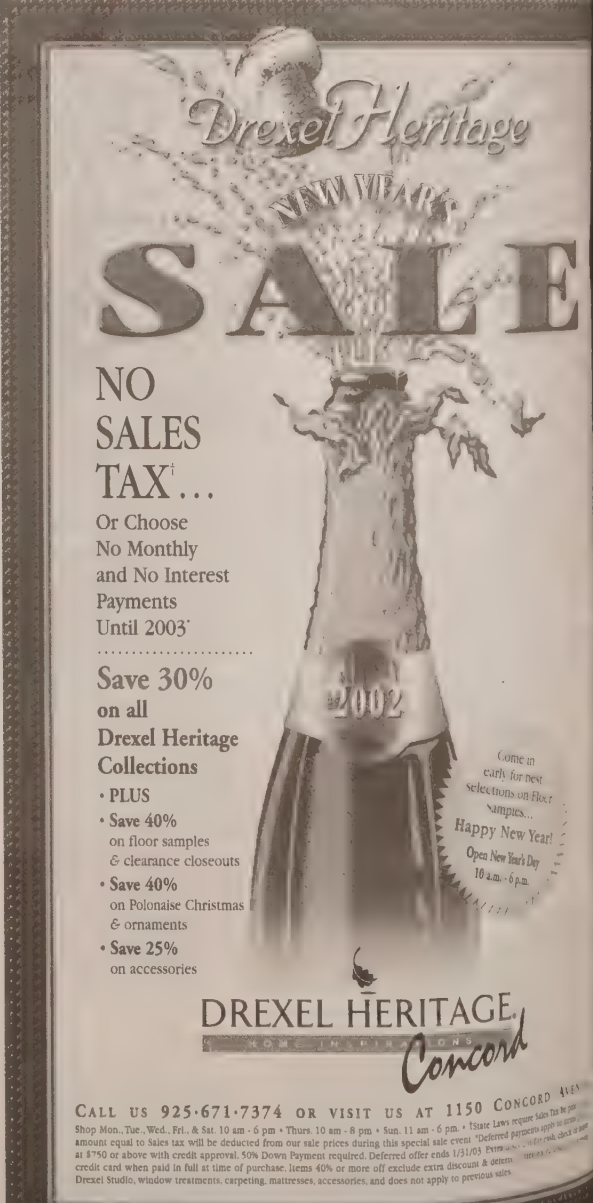
Lumiere Theatre *
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-352-0810
•**Burnt Money** (Not Rated) 2:25, 7:05.
•**Dinner Rush** (R) 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35
•**Porn Star: The Legend of Ron Jeremy** (Not Rated) 12:30, 5:10, 9:50.
•**Vengo** (Not Rated) 12:20, 2:30, 5, 7:10, 9:30.

Opera Plaza Cinema *
601 Van Ness Blvd, San Francisco 415-352-0810
•**Bread and Tulips** (PG-13) 1, 4, 7.
•**The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition** (G) 1:10, 7:10.
•**Mulholland Drive** (R) 1:20, 4:45, 8:30.
•**The Others** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
•**Sidewalks of New York** (R) 4:10, 9:30.
•**Waking Life** (R) 9:35.

The Red Vic Theatre *
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
•**Baraka** (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:30.

The Roxie Theatre *
3117 16th At Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087
•**Apocalypse Now Redux** (R) 12, 4, 8:15.

Loews Theatres Metreon *
101 Fourth St, San Francisco 415-369-6200
•**A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) 12, 3:30, 7, 10:20.
•**Ali** (R) 11, 2:50, 6:40, 10:30.
•**Behind Enemy Lines** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:05, 5:40, 8:30, 11:20.
•**Harry Potter** (PG) 11:20, 3:10, 6:50, 10:40.
•**How High** (R) 11:55, 2:45, 5:30, 8:20, 11:10.
•**Jimmy Neutron** 12:20, 2:30, 5, 7:30.
•**Kate and Leopold** 12:40, 3:40, 6:30, 9:40.
•**The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) 11:40, 1, 3:50, 5:20, 8, 9:30.
•**The Majestic** (PG) 11:30, 3:20, 7:10, 10:45.
•**Monsters, Inc.** (G) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40.
•**Not Another Teen Movie** (R) 11:45, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 10.



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Reviews

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PAX": A little bit "Cocoon," a little bit ne Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and of Kevin Spacey being smug. He plays t, a wise but innocent man who claims be an extraterrestrial from the planet K-x. He's so convincing that his shrink at mental hospital, a classic movie rkaholic played by the ever-able Jeff idges, almost believes him. The other tients totally buy it and start eagerly vy- for a one-way passage back to K-Pax. anwhile, in the movie's most offensive oments, Prot starts helping them cure emselves, as if mental illness is some- ng you can just get over. Director Iain tley ("Wings of the Dove") does a nice maintaining the is-he-or-isn't-he sus- nse, but the picture's attempts to be ofound are embarrassing. — M. Pols. G-13: sequence of violent images, brief nguage and sensuality.) 2 hours, 5 min- s. **C-**

E AS A HOUSE": There's a hormone t kicks in after childbirth that makes a man forget just how awful it was, repro- ction's form of self-defense. Kevin Kline ves the same function in this mawkish vie about a dying man who embarks an ambitious plan to build his dream use and regain the love of his wayward en-age son (Hayden Christensen, the fu- e Anakin Skywalker) . Kline's perfor- ance is so restrained and moving that it most saves the movie. But ultimately, di- ctor Irwin Winkler turns this into "Ameri- n Beauty Lite," with a Hallmark ending. M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality and ug use.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. **B-**

HE MAJESTIC": A "wadda ya say" vie. Wadda ya say we fix up a crum- ng movie palace? Wadda ya say we read the Constitution and remember at America stands for? It's 1951 and m Carrey plays a blacklisted Holly- ood writer who gets a case of amnesia nd rediscovers his idealism in a small alifornia town, where he is mistaken for lost war hero. Cheesy, but director rank Darabont ("The Shawshank Re- emption," "The Green Mile") knows ow to brew up a charming cup of chmaltz. "The Majestic" is relentlessly ntent on re-creating the spirit and mood f a Frank Capra movie, but there's a erm of something genuine under all e imitation, and the movie works de- pite itself. — M. Pols. (PG: language nd mild thematic elements.) 2 hours, minutes **B-**

HE MAN WHO WASN'T THERE": han and Joel Coen's chilly black-and- te homage to film noir plays out like a ative lark, the kind of experimentation ts indulge in once the bills are paid. y Bob Thornton is fascinating to watch a late 1940s barber who makes the take of blackmailing his wife's lover mes Gandolfini) to get the capital to in- t in a dry cleaning business. With its astically cool look and dry wit, this is tinctly Coen brothers fare, but if you mpare it to their best work, it feels more e an itch the brothers needed to scratch n, say, a "Fargo." Of course, with them, en an itch is going to be entertaining. — Pols. (R: a scene of violence.) 1 hour, minutes [illegible]

ONSTERS, INC.": Thanks to the rich aginations at the Emeryville-based ani- ation house Pixar, small children every- here will soon have a new perspective e monsters they fear may lurk under beds. The genius premise here is that f course monsters are real, but vul- le. They're terrified of children, but ontinue to frighten them because n monsterland, scream power is har- d and used as the main source of y. The ebbing innocence of the s children has created an energy cri- is is a wonderful, funny story for the family, rich with superior animation ajor heart. Voiced by John Good- nd Billy Crystal, among others. — s. (G) 1 hour, 32 minutes. **A-**

HOLLAND DR.": At the end of this mp, all you can do is laugh. David has once again led us on a merry through a minefield littered with , apple-pie moments we can't trust, ng weirdoes and puzzling, possibly ess scenes. A beautiful amnesiac cheery, innocent ingenue set out to a mystery. Then they become differ- ople. Chances are it's all a dream, east half a dream. Makes "Me- " look easy to understand. Lynch bly won't win himself any new fans is one, but old ones will enjoy this ion into his creative mind. — M. (R: violence, language and some sexuality.) 2 hours, 26 minutes. **B+**

AN'S LAND": Two wounded sol- — one a Bosnian, Ciki (Branko ; the other a.Serb, Nino (Rene ac) — trapped in a trench midway en opposing enemy lines, argue which side started the war. Their struggle is complicated when Cera Sovagovic), a compatriot of Ciki's who was presumed dead, stirs to life. His body was placed on a mine. If Cera is moved, Ciki and Nino will be killed along with him. Cera's only hope is that an expert can be found to deactivate the mine Ciki and Nino's only hope lies in teamwork. They stagger out of the trench together waving white flags, and soon the wounded soldiers find themselves the helpless pawns of bureaucrats and media companies promoting their own agendas. Written and directed by Danis Tanovic, a documentary filmmaker, the movie presents a view of war that's grimly realistic. — S. Holden. (R: scenes of violence and some strong language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes **A**

"NOT ANOTHER TEEN MOVIE": This lowball comedy attempts to do with the teen movie genre what "Scary Movie" did with horror. So every character is an overdrawn stereotype, and the plot is really just a series of gags making fun of the clichés that abound in other teen movies. And don't forget the extreme gross-out jokes. And the racist humor. Stupid, offensive entertainment delivered with nothing more than a smirk is still stupid and offensive. In the end, even the title gets it wrong. This is another teen movie; it's just not another even halfway decent one. — T. Maurstad. (R: crude sexual content, language, drug use.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **F**

"OCEAN'S ELEVEN": It's not what you might have hoped for from an Oscar-winning director, but Steven Soderbergh's remake of the Rat Pack classic about a casino heist in Las Vegas is pretty winning stuff. George Clooney stars as Danny Ocean, the leader of the new pack. The cast is all A-list, although some, like Julia Roberts, deliver performances more suitable to the B list. But Brad Pitt, Elliot Gould and Carl Reiner are a delight to watch, and the movie sings along with that Soderbergh style and rhythm. Keep your expectations low and you'll have a good time. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some language and sexual content.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. **B+**

"PORN STAR: THE LEGEND OF RON JEREMY": A sad but funny documentary about unlikely porn star Ron Jeremy, a short, portly Jewish boy from Brooklyn with an unfortunate amount of body hair. He's made some 1,600 porn films, but all Jeremy really wants is to be accepted by mainstream Hollywood. As unlikely as his quest is, director Scott Gill laces the movie with so much humor that this is certainly the most surprisingly funny documentary of the year. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 19 minutes. **B**

"THE ROYAL TENENBAUMS": There's such an ironic distance to director Wes Anderson's playful, highly stylized movie about a family of failed, alienated geniuses that it's like watching a cinematic version of the eccentric literary quarterly McSweeney's, something exquisitely crafted for maximum cleverness. What saves it from being gag-me precious is the fact that Anderson also has a tender heart to go along with his fetish for detail and eye for the absurd. Amid all the movie's mannerisms are some truisms about family that knock you for an unexpectedly emotional loop. All the performances are delightful, but Gene Hackman, as the Tenenbaums' rascal of a patriarch, is unforgettable. — M. Pols. (R: some language, sexuality/nudity and drug content.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **A-**

"RUSH HOUR 2": Peppy, unpretentious fun with a paper-thin plot. It's a rush job of a sequel. Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker are back, chasing bad guys through Hong Kong, L.A. and Las Vegas, cracking jokes all the way. Some of them fall flat, but there are still many good chuckles here. Chan, more comfortable with English now, is a gem, but director Brett Ratner blows the buzz by showing us a series of outtakes at the end that are far funnier than anything we've seen to date. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action violence, language and some sexual material.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. **C+**

"SHALLOW HAL": From advertisements and previews, this comedy from the Farrelly brothers seems like it must be astonishingly insulting to overweight people. But while it does plunge cheerfully into the brothers' customary tastelessness, it is also oddly sweet, soulful, and even, egads, well-intentioned. Jack Black plays shallow Hal, an average guy only attracted to women of supermodel stature. All that changes when he's hypnotized by self help guru Anthony Robbins, who opens his eyes to the beauty of women such as Rosemary, a 300-pound Peace Corps volunteer. To Hal, Rosemary is slim, svelte Gwyneth Paltrow. The movie is sloppily shot and edited, but it's got its charms, and the Farrellys clearly have big hearts. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language and sexual content.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. **B-**

"THE SHIPPING NEWS": A pretty but languid and underwhelming CliffsNotes version of Annie Proulx's novel, directed by Lasse Hallström. Maybe we shouldn't be surprised. "The Shipping News" was a great read, but it lacked many cinematic vitals. Quoyle (Kevin Spacey, doing a fine if unexciting job), its plodding protagonist, is hardly a hero. The story is too densely packed, the action too internal, Proulx's humor and poetry on the page too important. You could imagine it making a fine eight-hour series for PBS or HBO, unfolding gradually and sucking you in. Predictably, Hallström has made it all about healing. Yawn. — M. Pols. (R: some language, sexuality and disturbing images.) 1 hour, 51 minutes **B-**

"SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK": A gregarious ditty about six New Yorkers whose lives are intertwined because of their romantic choices, written and directed by Ed Burns ("The Brothers McMullen"), who also co-stars as Tommy, a TV executive looking for love. He hooks up with Maria (Rosario Dawson), a schoolteacher who is recently divorced from Ben, a doorman. Ben has a fresh crush on Ashley (the excellent Brittany Murphy), a 19-year-old waitress who is sleeping with a married man, Griffin (a cheerfully repugnant Stanley Tucci). Meanwhile, Griffin is married to morally upright Annie (Heather Graham), who happens to be Tommy's real estate agent and, possibly, his soul mate. Lightweight, like Woody Allen without hard feelings, but fun, with lots of frank — and accurate — talk about sex and love. — M Pols. (R: sexual content and language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B**

"SPY GAME": According to director Tony Scott's ("Top Gun") lively thriller, everyone at the CIA is a bonehead, except for Nathan Muir (Robert Redford), a leftover from the Cold War days. It's 1991, and Nathan has to play cat-and-mouse with the gang at Langley to save his protégé Tom Bishop (Brad Pitt) from certain death at the hands of the Chinese government Those looking for major thrills will be disappointed that Nathan never wields any weapon more powerful than a cell phone or a fax machine. But Redford is mighty appealing in what is his best role in years. Pitt's part as the idealistic Tom is more limited, but he's fine as well (in every sense of the word). — M. Pols. (R: language, violence and brief sexuality.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. **B**

"TRAINING DAY": A taut drama of police corruption, "Training Day" is to be admired for reaching high toward the "Serpico" standard. But it's only two-thirds there; the other third is self-important nonsense. Denzel Washington goes way over the top as a corrupt narcotics cop showing a young trainee (an excellent, low-key Ethan Hawke) the ropes. There are many implausible plot points throughout, including the notion that a training day would last 24 hours, or include a front row seat to corruption that you'd think the cops might want to keep mum about, but director Anthony Fuqua keeps the suspense high until the bitter, bloody and ridiculous end. — M. Pols. (R: strong, brutal violence, pervasive language, drug content and brief nudity.) 2 hours. **B**

"VANILLA SKY": A remake of Alejandro Amenabar's intriguing but mildly silly 1997 film "Abre Los Ojos" ("Open Your Eyes") that leaves us asking, why bother? Director Cameron Crowe is too talented to waste his time remaking a movie that hasn't even had time to gather dust on video-store shelves. Tom Cruise plays yet another well-heeled jerk in need of redemption. He's got a gorgeous, unstable model (Cameron Diaz) hanging off his sleeve, but he's suddenly drawn to another glittery prize, a frisky Spanish girl (Penelope Cruz). A car accident sets the story's crazy plot in motion, but it's hard to care much about any of this. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality and strong language.) 2 hours, 16 minutes. **C**

"WAKING LIFE": A stunning animated experiment that technically knocks you out but leaves you feeling unfulfilled. Writer-director Richard Linklater made the movie as a live-action feature, then put the finished product into the computer and animated it. The end result is a film — essentially a meditation on life, death and dreams — that takes itself too seriously and without a real cohesive narrative to string things together. That said, the film visually is a vibrant feast for the eyes. Too bad what the characters have to say doesn't match the novel animation. — C. Lemire. (R: language and some violent images.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. **C+**

"THE WASH": Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg are Sean and Dee Loc, blunt-smoking buddies who share an apartment where they like to entertain the ladies and play loud music. The rent is due, so Dee Loc suggests that Sean join him as a brother in suds at the local car wash Sean soon becomes a manager and the friends' philosophies come into conflict. But when the boss gets kidnapped, the fellas have to work together to save him. Character development and narrative logic are just barely hinted at, and overall, the phrase "It is what it is" has never seemed more appropriate. — C. Vognar. (R: language, nudity, sexual content, drugs, violence, bathroom humor.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **C-**

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all 510-647-2949 or toll-free at 1-888-4BRTTix for information or to charge tickets by phone with a major credit card.

O'NEILL'S 'LONG JOURNEY': Here are a couple of auditions for plays so wildly different they should catch the fancy of a lot of actors who want to stretch themselves at the opening of the new year.

Auditions for Eugene O'Neill's "Long Journey Into Night" will be held by Actors Ensemble of Berkeley at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave, (at Berryman), Berkeley, on Jan. 21 and 22 at 7 p.m.

Directed by Stanford professor Jean-Marie Apostolides, "Journey" has roles for three men — 20-30, 30-45, 50-75; and two women — 18-30 and 50-65. The younger women should have an Irish accent.

The director requests a two-minute monologue and will have audtioners also read from the script. No appointment is needed. There is no pay. Performance dates are Fridays and Saturdays from April 12 through May 11, plus Thursday, May 9, at Live Oak Theatre. Call 650-424-0370 if you need more information.

A SPACEY COMIC THRILLER: Auditions for Alan Ayckbourne's intricate, time-traveling comic thriller, "Communicating Doors," will be held Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. and Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. by director Serena Anderson at the Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond.

Needed are three men — 30-60; and three women — 20-40. Auditions will be based on cold reading from the script. Monologue not necessary. No appointments. No pay. Call backs on Jan. 23.

Performance dates are Fridays and Saturdays and some Sunday matinees from March 29 through May 4. You can call the director at 510-526-9035

Send items of interest to Jack Tucker at, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806; fax to 510 262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@cc-times.com, or call 510 262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

Ali

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serves him well here. You might worry that he'd put a broad spin on Ali's eccentric sense of humor, maybe dumb it down a little. Instead he embraces that quirkiness, speeding it up in public settings and slowing it down when Ali would have been relaxing. (There's a very funny scene where his religious mentor, Malcolm X, played by Mario Van Peebles, comes to visit him in his hotel room and finds him transfixed and somewhat befuddled by a television program on termites.)

Detractors will probably say that Mann doesn't further our understanding of Ali as a person. It's true that we aren't shown much of the inner workings of his brain. When Ali unexpectedly cuts off contact with Malcolm X because the Islamic leaders disapprove of him, we see a sudden change in his eyes, but it's never explained. I'd argue that we're being given an accurate portrait of a man who has always lived on gut instinct. When he felt it, he did it, and he either had the arrogance or the intelligence, or some combination of both, to believe in his decisions and move on. That's part of what made him so unusual.

The same sort of impulsive shift happens with Sonji (Smith's real-life wife, Jada Pinkett Smith), Ali's sexy first wife, who converted to Islam to please Ali but was incapable of adhering to the religion's strictures. We see Ali get a load of Sonji, arriving to a fight in yet another sparkly, low-cut outfit, and in the next scene she's sent packing. We're wistful at seeing her go, because she and Smith are so combustible together. The strong actresses who play his next two wives, Belinda (Nona Gaye, Marvin's daughter, making an impressive acting debut) and Veronica (Michael Michele (of "ER"), can't help but pale in comparison.

One often hears justified complaints that there are not enough good roles for black actors in Hollywood. "Ali" is just one movie, but single-handedly it has provided black actors with better roles than any other movie in recent years.

Foxx should get a supporting Oscar nod (although he may be nudged out by Jon Voight, who makes an uncannily good Howard Cosell). Then you've got Van Peebles, Jeffrey Wright as Ali's photographer Howard Bingham, Mykelti Williamson hamming it up exquisitely as promoter Don King and Albert Hall ("Apocalypse Now") as Islamic leader Elijah Muhammad.

"Ali" is not the definitive Muhammad Ali story. But what is? Even the excellent documentary "When We Were Kings" or David Remnick's engaging book "King of the World" are, like this movie, no more than beautiful, hearty slices of an extraordinary life, still blessedly ongoing.

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Jerry Wilcox, Bob Butler, Jim Taylor (KCBS).

■ Best Bay Area Music Radio Station: Classical station KDFC-FM (102.1). Now, if only the highly rated S.F. station would lose some of those annoying ads.

■ Best News Station: KCBS. Best Radio News Anchor: Stan Bunger (KCBS, mornings).

■ Best Local Sports Anchor: Fred Inglis (KTVU). Weekend anchor Inglis keeps a low profile, but he gets off some good lines. After the 49ers got beaten by St. Louis a few weeks back, Inglis said slyly, "This was a reality check for the Niners. The check bounced."

■ Longest Schlep: KCBS sports anchor Steve Bitker, who's been driving from Alameda to Rohnert Park to do play-by-play for the minor-league Sonoma Crushers for nine years now (for minimal pay). Bitker says he does it because he loves baseball. He must.

■ Best Reruns: "Seinfeld" (KTVU)

■ Best Local Radio Talk Show: "Forum" (KQED-FM). Bright and genial host Michael Krasny has probably interviewed more well-known and acclaimed authors than anyone alive. Amid the sludge most talk radio today offers, "Forum" is the all-too-rare exception.

■ Best Local TV Returnee: KRON morning anchor Mark Mullen, just in from Seattle. Mullen is smart, witty, and, yes, handsome. He'll be a big plus for Channel 4's new 7-9 morning show, which starts next week. Close second: KRON reporter Knapp, cut loose by CNN in a recent round of staff reductions.

■ Best Cable Newscast: MSNBC's "The News With Brian Williams"

■ Best Radio Play-by-Play Man: Greg Papa, witty voice of the Raiders on "The Ticket." (KTCT-AM, 1050). Close second: The venerable Lon Simmons, who does Giants' games on KNBR. Also: The Giants' clever tonsil, Jon Miller.

■ Best Sports Radio Talk Show: Papa's noon-3 p.m. show on KTCT. Papa is bright and versatile, and his evocative description of his recent visit to Ground Zero in New York was the kind of thing one rarely hears on sports radio.

■ Best Local TV Movie Reviewer: KTVU's sly, acerbic Bob Shaw.

■ Guy Who Should Have His Own TV Show: Nestor Carbonell, who's hilarious as lecherous superhero BatManuel on Fox's "The Tick."

■ Most Pleasant Local DJ: KOIT's morning man, Jack Kulp.

■ Most Accurate Local Forecaster: KCBS's Mike Pechner

■ Best TV Traffic Reporter: KTVU's Sal Castaneda, he of the deadpan delivery. Honorable mention: The ever-poised Anna Duckworth (KRON).

■ Best Radio Traffic Reporter: Former wisecracking KNEW Radio morning man Jon Wailin, now flying in KGO Radio's JetCopter.

■ Best Pipes: KABL's pleasant, soon-to-be-replaced Mike Cleary. Close second: Giant voice Miller.

■ Funniest Radio Show: NPR's "Car Talk," heard on KQED. A must-listen even if you don't care about cars: the "Tappet Brothers" are unfailingly amusing. Close second: NPR's Chicago-based "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me," heard on KQED Saturdays at 11 a.m. after "Car Talk."

■ Best Nationally Syndicated Radio Show: Iconoclastic, San Francisco-based Dr. Dean Edell. You never know what you'll hear on Edell's quirky but informative show: Edell led off one recent show reading a wire story about the members of the University of Illinois basketball team not realizing their jerseys were misspelled "Illinios." Edell also deserves kudos for his long-time fights against circumcision (not easy — he's Jewish) and his battle against the manufacturers of unregulated diet supplements.

Here's to a lot more viewing and listening like the above next year. Happy New Year!

Events

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Human-shaped chalkboards and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies
"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.
Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-1564 or www.hallofhealth.org

La Pena Cultural Center — Gerry Tenney, Jan. 5, 10:30 a.m. A hands-on audience-participation kids' show.
$4 adults; $3 children. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org

The Oakland Museum Of California — "The Rustler Ranch Mastodon Project," Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors are invited to watch staff members of the Natural Sciences Department prepare a nearly complete mastodon for exhibit.
"Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Department Library.
$6 general; $4 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under; second Sundays are free to all. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. (888) OAK-MUSE or www.museumca.org

Oakland Public Library — The Library offers weekly Preschool Storytimes, Toddler Storytimes, and Family Storytimes at the branch libraries. Call the neighborhood branch for dates and times.
DIMOND BRANCH — "AdventuReaders," ongoing, 7 p.m. This new storytime for children in grades 1 to 3 will be held every third Tuesday.
3565 Fruitvale Ave. 510-482-7844.
PIEDMONT BRANCH — Kwanzaa Celebration, Dec. 29, 2 p.m. Enjoy stories and music while learning about the principles of Kwanzaa.
160 41st St. 510-597-5011.
TEMESCAL BRANCH — Design-A-Story, Dec. 28, 3 p.m. Children ages 8 to 13 create and illustrate their own stories. Pre-registration required for this four-part workshop.
5205 Telegraph Ave. 510-597-5049.
WEST OAKLAND BRANCH — "Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.
1801 Adeline St. 510-597-5049.
Free. Oakland. 510-238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

Roberts Regional Recreation Area — Within the park's 82 acres are a heated outdoor pool, bathhouse, playing fields, picnic areas and hiking and riding trails. Sea captains once took their bearings from a towering redwood tree on Blossom Rock here.
Free. Skyline Boulevard, 1/2 mile north of Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. 510-521-6887 or www.ebparks.org

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SPY GAME
Fri, Dec 28 - 9:15 • Sat, Dec 29 - 3:30, 6:00, 9:00
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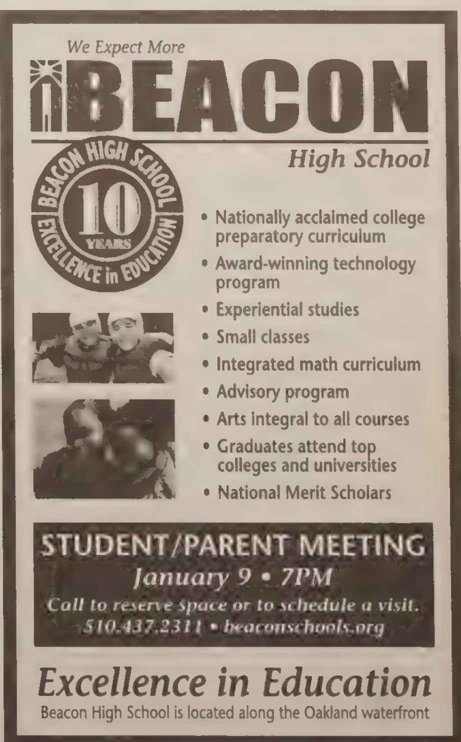
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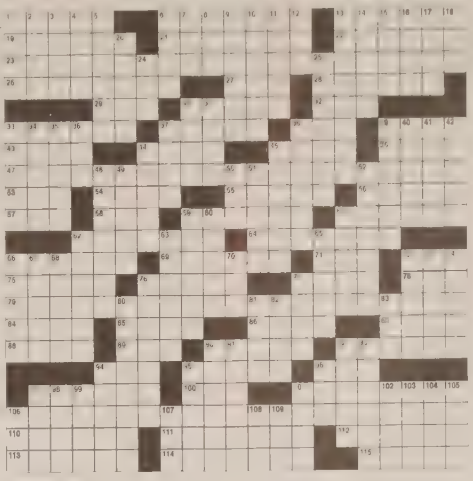

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

The Buddy Club presents ventriloquist, Magician, juggler and escape artist Ace Miles from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Berkeley JCC Theater, 1414 Walnut St. All Buddy Club shows are targeted for children ages 2 though 12 and their parents. Tickets: $7 general; $6 BRJCC members; under 2 years old are free. Call 236-SHOW for tickets and information or visit the Web site at www.TheBuddyClub.com

Community

Julia Morgan Center of the Arts features a "New Year's Eve Gala Concert," by the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31. Edgar Braun conducts a program of classical favorites for this 16th annual New Year's Eve Gala performance of the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra. Musical selections include classical favorites such as Mendelssohon's Scottish Symphony and Beethoven's masterful violin concerto, featuring 14-year-old violin virtuoso Nathan Olson. Tickets: $15, available at the door. For more details, call the center at 845-8542 or visit the Web site at www.juliamorgan.org.

Exhibits

The Photolab Gallery, 2235 Fifth St., presents an exhibition of black and white photographs by East Bay photographer Limor Inbar-Hansen from Jan. 2 to Feb. 16. A reception is 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12. Inbar-Hansen has been photographing since the early 1980s. She received the Eddie Adams Photographic Award in her first year at the New England School of Photography. Gallery hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sundays. A reception takes place 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12. For more information, call 528-2141

Literary Events

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must compete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Poet's Dinner Committee seeks poems about "Searching," the theme of its seventy-sixth contest. The deadline for submission is Jan. 16. Other categories are beginnings and endings, humor, nature, love, spaces and places, people, and poet's choice. Contact Richard Angilly at 1515 Poplar Ave. Richmond, CA. 94805 to submit poetry or for more information.

Meetings

The California Retired Teachers Association, West Contra Costa Division No. 58, meet for lunch at noon, Jan. 8, at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 3200 Barrett Ave., Richmond. The program features Alma Oberst Holmgren, discussing a book she co-authored with her husband, Rod Holmgren, entitled "Outrageous Fortunes." Cost: $10. Call 234-3046 by Jan. 4 for lunch reservations.

Music

The Bay Area Recorder Series presents internationally renowned recorder performer and teacher, Geert Van Gele, in a masterclass for soloists and ensembles from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Fee: $20 for participants and $10 for auditors. Call 559-4670 for more information.

The Bay Area Recorder Series presents Belgian recorder virtuoso Geert Van Gele, in a solo program at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Northbrae Community Church, 951 The Alameda, Berkeley. The program features music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Pete Rose, Daan Maaneke, and Frans Geysen. The Bay Area Recorder Series is an affiliate of the San Francisco Early Music Society, a non-profit organization. Call 559-4670 for more information

Support

Alta Bates Medical Center presents a free support group for family, friends caring for older adults from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., on the third Wednesday of each month. The session takes place at the Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley, third floor, room 3369B (take elevator B). The group will focus on the needs of older adults with serious medical problems, psychiatric illnesses, such as depression, dementia and/or substance abuse. For more information or if interested in a private consultation, call 802-1725

Lecture/Workshop

UC Botanical Garden offers a free plant clinic from 9 a.m. to noon, first Saturday of every month at Strawberry Canyon, 200 Centennial Drive. For more information, call 643-2755

Classes

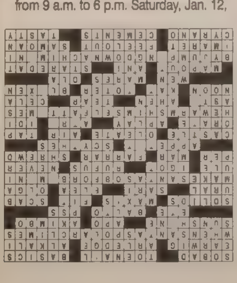
Albany Adult School offers beginning English five days a week starting Jan. 7. Hours: 12:45 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. There is no fee and books are provided. Classes meet at the Adult school building at 601 San Gabriel Ave. For more information, call 559-6580.

North Berkeley Senior Center presents Winter Holistic Health Groups for ages 55 and over: "Creative Aging," 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, and Jan. 24; "How to Be Your Own Health Advocate," 1:15 to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24. For more information, call 526-0148.

A free seminar on Natural Learning Rhythms, a holistic understanding of a child's development, takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at Berkeley Public Library, Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue Ave. Registration is required. Call 800-200-1107 for more information

Volunteers

Berkeley Neighborhood Computers, a non-profit community organization, seeks volunteers to recycle, rebuild, and redistribute computer technology for families and schools. Volunteers are needed to be administrative coordinators, computer pick up and create efficient and effective systems for recording data and use of spaced, answer phone calls, log calls, route information and provide filing, organization, and other assistance. Call Mike at 845-1226 for more information



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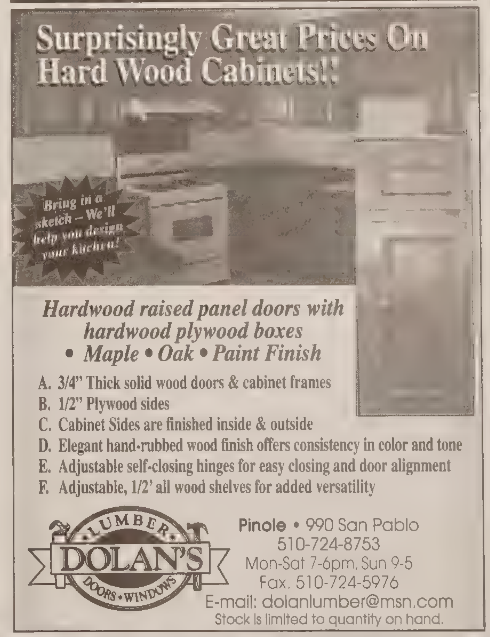

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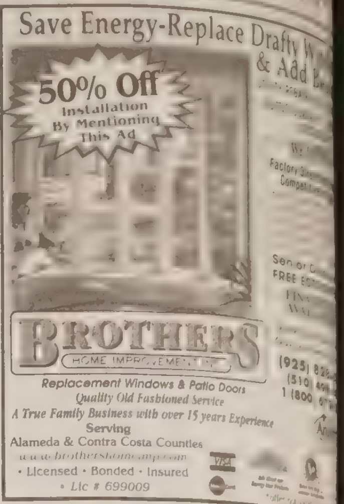

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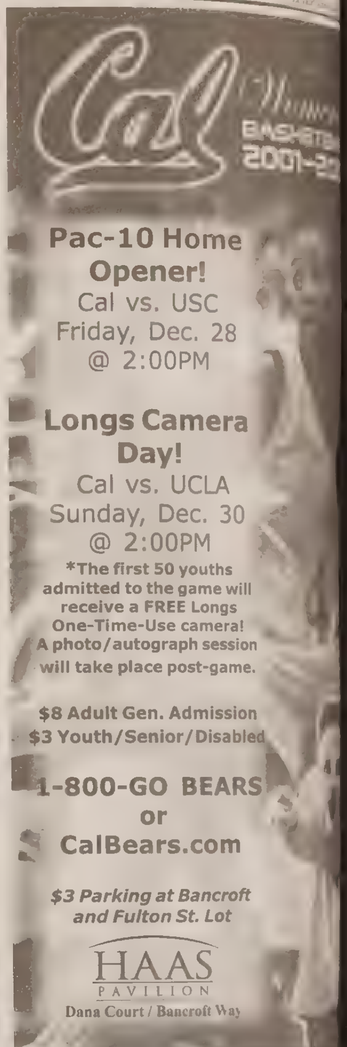

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7227 Hotchkiss
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San Pablo, CA 94806-3900
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San Pablo, CA 94806-3900
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Richmond, CA 94806
Lowell Etzel
8630 Arbor Dr
El Cerrito, CA 94530
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Kensington, CA 94807
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Kensington CA 94807
Carolyn Walen
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Kensington, CA 94807
Allan Zalkin
81 Edgecroft Rd
Kensington, CA 94807
Hester Yee
2517 Carquinez Ave
El Cerrito Ca 94530
Janet Y Seim
8449 Terrace Dr
El Cerrito, CA 94530
Wilma J Zinser
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Oakland CA 94611
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State of incorporation California
This business is conducted by: a corporation
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Judith Kay Christianson
5351 Poinsett Ave
El Cerrito, CA 94530

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PETITION OF JUDITH KAY CHRISTIANSON
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Case No C01 04799

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City bids 'Mr. Albany' farewell

Jerome Blank, 1920-2001

By Matt Petersen
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Three-time yor Jerome Blank, a lifelong any resident and prominent l estate developer, died at his ne Dec. 20 at the age of 81.

"Mr. Albany" as many in the mmunity knew him, grew up he city's early days, coming e in 1925, when the city was y in its 17th year of incorpo- on and two years before the adopted its first charter.

The city did not have its own h school in those days and he nded Berkeley High School ore going on to UC Berkeley. ile in college he earned ney by playing at dances in a dent jazz orchestra.

He served on the City Coun- from 1940 to 1950, and served e terms as mayor. He also sat numerous boards and com- ees including the Planning Zoning Commission, always uring that his town main- ed its quaint yet prosperous osphere.

"He was one of the smartest n that I've known," said friend n Luoma, who worked with nk on the Albany Chamber of mmerce board of directors. has always thought on his a very giving person and a y knowledgeable person. He a wonderful board member."

After serving four years in the y and Marines in World War lank came back to Albany to n a successful real estate ness. Among the many es and apartment complexes buildings that Albany boasts y, Blank's most noteworthy mplishments were bringing afeway store to Solano Av- e, and the development of the n Centre on San Pablo Av- e.

Not all of his projects were with universal approval, but ds who speak of him recall his interests were always fo- ed on the betterment of Al- y.

"What a total loss, he's really a lot into this community," long-time associate Ray An- od, president of the Albany mber of Commerce. "He's re- created Albany to how it is y. His heart and soul has al- s been here."

nderson remembered the sewer upgrade project on no Avenue that tore up the et and halted business for y of the merchants who were k's tenants.

Knowing that income was t, he allowed many busi- es to pass on rent, many for al months, until they got a y stream of business again. at was just the kind of man he was, Anderson said. k's aim was to "try to pro- Albany and the Chamber," Anderson.

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

JEROME BLANK, seen here in August of 2000, came to be known as 'Mr. Albany.' He had lived in the city since 1925 and had a role in much of its development over the enuing years.

City considers sites for a new city hall

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The City Council is getting serious about City Hall. After emphasizing that they want to see the Toyota as well as the Rolls-Royce versions, council members last week unanimously approved spending $57,500 to start the process of developing a new City Hall and Civic Center complex.

BSA Architects of San Francisco will assess five potential future Civic Center sites, determine relative cost estimates and later develop conceptual design plans for the council's selected site.

Several alternative design plans will be considered — from the economy model to the more deluxe.

"We all have champagne tastes," said Councilwoman Kathleen Perka, but noted that the city has other needs requiring funding.

Last October the council designated $1.3 million in reserves towards a new City Hall and Civic Center. The new civic complex could include police and fire stations, a library, senior services, and leased retail and office space in addition to the city administrative offices.

"We don't really know what we need," said Jill Keimach, community development director. "What is typical for a community our size?"

The BSA proposal said the project would "establish a civic presence for El Cerrito" and that important considerations for any proposed site include public access, parking, vistas and view corridors and "budget impacts."

Keimach said the study will include analyzing the possibility of adding a second story to the existing Public Safety Building.

The work will be in two phases. First the architects will prepare a series of schematic drawings with summary information and feasibility analysis of the alternative sites.

According to the proposal, they will provide "probable costs of construction" and "ball park" cost estimates for the various design plans.

After the City Council confirms the preferred site, BSA will develop conceptual design plans and make recommendations for longer-term construction phasing.

David Ross of BSA said the design process will be "open and collaborative." The entire process is expected to take about 15 weeks.

The five sites currently under consideration are the current City

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Del Norte developer seeks public input

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — It's time to start visioning again.

Developer Charles Oewel hopes to develop the BART surface parking areas adjacent to the Del Norte station and plans two public workshops to help forge the master plan.

"We understand that unanimous agreement will not be possible in any plan, but giving the community a role in the analysis and design process will help us get as close as possible to an ideal solution," Oewel, president of San Rafael-based CFC Corporation, wrote in a December letter to City Manager Scott Hanin.

"Above all, we want the community to develop the overall vision for this site and provide general guidance by developing design principles for the site that we will follow."

Oewel asked that the city postpone plans to develop its own area-specific plan for Del Norte, saying his approach would be quicker and cost-effective.

"If the council finds our proposal's general direction unacceptable, the specific plan process could easily proceed," he said.

The site under study includes the land between San Pablo Avenue, Key Boulevard, Hill Streets and Knott Avenue, Oewel said.

The plan is to hold two public workshops in January and February; dates and locations have not been set.

The first workshop will review previous Del Norte area studies and develop design principles. In small groups participants will complete site analysis sketches and outline plans.

In the second workshop, participants will review site analysis sketches and outlines plans developed in the first workshop and present two development scenarios.

Oewel and his consultant. Mark Gillem of MLG Architecture and Planning, hope to return to the council in February to pre-

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tudents take healthy interest in advocacy

roup wants policy eting retailers that sell acco to minors

By Matt Petersen
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A new breed of g is lurking in the hallways classrooms of Albany High ool and they want you to w they are coming. And if y have their way, their num- s will grow.

"We're trying to get an army of people," said Elisa Pan.

Pan's is not the kind of gang that strikes dread into parents' hearts. The Albany High junior is one of about a dozen students taking part in an after-school student advocacy group called Friday Night Live, part of a statewide program that engages youth in community activism.

Led by Albany High graduate Vivian Yeung, the FNL'ers have been assembling in Marge Atkinson's classroom at least once a week since the program began in October to discuss what teens can do to improve their community.

"We're going into the community and changing the community so we can make it better," said junior Lionel Yu, the FNL chapter president.

Not afraid to tackle tough issues head-on, the FNL group chose teen smoking as one of its first battles. As early as their middle-school days, the students had noticed how easy it was for some of their peers to get their hands on cigarettes — and not just from their mothers' purses.

So they went undercover. In an informal sting operation Oct. 26, a few of them, all younger than 18, hit the streets of Albany in an attempt to buy tobacco at the 11 establishments that sold such products. Out of the 11 stores, says program coordinator Vivian Yeung, eight sold the students tobacco. Only six checked identification and out of those, three still sold the products to the students.

"It was very shocking," said Yeung, who graduated from Albany High in 2000. "It's very surprising how easy it is for young people to get tobacco products (in Albany)."

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

ALBANY HIGH School's Friday Night Live chapter is sponsored by Marge Atkinson, standing center. Club members went to local stores, as tobacco warriors, to uncover illegal sales of tobacco to minors. Their results: eight out of 11 stores sold to minors.

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IN BRIEF

Committee will seek ways to pare deficit

ALBANY — Facing a nearly $700,000 budget shortfall, the Albany School Board decided last week to appoint a Budget Review Committee to determine how the 3,500-student school district can trim its expenses.

The committee, which will include teachers, parents, district administrators and community members, will meet weekly in January and February.

Its recommendations are expected to reach the board of education Feb. 18 and be voted on by March 15.

Albany's $700,000 deficit could grow if the Legislature approves education spending cuts proposed by Gov. Gray Davis. The cuts are expected to cost Albany $130,000.

Also left out of the $700,000 deficit is about $75,000 in expected employee raises for several labor groups the district has not yet settled with.

School boards pick 3 new presidents

Area school districts voted in new board presidents to one-year terms this month.

In Albany, Marsha Skinner stepped down from the president's post while David Farrell stepped in.

In West Contra Costa, George Harris III ended his one-year stint as board president. Board veteran Karen Leong Fenton was voted to replace him.

In the John Swett school district, Jim Delgadillo replaces Janet Callaghan as president of the board.

Garden club holds meeting on Jan. 10

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Dennis Westler, past president of the San Francisco Orchid Society, will

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Theft quiets school's musi

■ El Cerrito nonprofit preschool's audio equipment was stolen; police have no leads

By Kate Darby Rauch
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Singing holiday songs won't be so easy for kids at the Peter Pan Preschool this year, since a grinch stole all the school's audio equipment, and more.

Someone broke into this parent cooperative two weekends ago, making off with several CD and tape players, as well as the school's television and VCR.

"They took all our musical stuff," including four favorite CDs that were in the player, said the school's teacher-director Sandy Westlie.

The nonprofit school, located in the basement of the Hillside Community Church on Navellier Street, runs on a slim budget. Mustering the funds to replace the stolen loot will be tough, said school treasurer Marcia Delgadillo, whose daughter is a Peter Pan student.

"I feel hurt, very angry. We don't have much; we're a really small school. Tuition isn't enough to cover our expenses."

Hillside church staffers are still trying to figure out what they may have lost in the robbery. Church offices were ransacked, but staff members were out of town most of the week and unable to assess the damage.

Numerous community groups that also use the church store supplies there.

Police have no leads, according to El Cerrito Detective Robert DeLaCampa. Some evidence taken from the scene is still being evaluated, he said.

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Teacher Westlie [illegible] upbeat. "We can sing, we [illegible] sing."

Collins will lead Chamber for second term

SEWALL GLINTERNICK
El Cerrito Chamber

Well-known civic leader Marge Collins has been unanimously elected to serve a second straight term as Chamber president.

Other officers picked to serve with her during 2002 were: Rena Bruton, first vice president; Marsha Conwill, second vice president; and Charlie Weaver, secretary/treasurer. Rounding out the executive committee next year will be immediate past president Michael Klinger.

The slate of officers and the newly elected board will take office at the Chamber's 66th Installation Luncheon, set for noon on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club.

This year Collins played a key role in establishing an economic development program in El Cerrito, and served as the business group's representative on the city's Economic Development Advisory Board.

Active in the Chamber since 1972, Collins helped form and served on the now-dormant Chamber Women's Division.

Long active on the areas political scene, she served eight years under the city administrator in Piedmont before being elected to the El Cerrito City Council for two four-year terms.

New board members

Two newcomers and seven incumbents have been elected to two year terms on the Chamber's board.

Named to their initial term were Dean Flint of Prudential California Realty and Kate Gilpin of Words Into Print.

All seven incumbents running for office were re-elected. They include:

Bea Doherty-Vincent, Doherty's Truck and Auto Rental; Sill Addiego, Coldwell Banker-Bartells Realty; Larry Seidell, Seidell Enterprises; Michael Klinger, Sunset View Cemetery Association; Charlie Weaver, CPA; Marge Collins, Collins Property Management; and Rena Bruton, Bank of The West.

These nine newly-elected directors will be joining the following holdover members who will be completing their term of office at the end of 2002:

Gretchen Grover, EBMUD; Wil Chun, Mail Boxes Etc.; Marsha Conwill, Tradeway Stores; Allan Essex, Financial Network Investment; Maria Galaviz, Contra Costa County Public Relations; Martin Kaliski, Marty's Motors; and Larry Sanchez, Marvin Collins Construction.

Gift giveaway

Once again the highlight of the Chamber's holiday party was the awarding of scores of gifts donated by generous local business people.

A full house was on hand at the Mira Vista Country Club to enjoy a pre-luncheon champagne reception hosted by Michael Klinger and his wife, Jeannie.

Everyone attending this year's event went home with a coffee mug from Hiram Design Group and packs of jelly beans provided by Dolph Stankus, The luckier guests walked of with several hundred dollars' worth of merchandise orders, household items, wine, liquor and toys.

Time to pay dues

Chamber members are urged to respond as soon as possible to the dues notice they have been sent.

Among the individuals and firms who were first to reinvest in the Chamber for another year during the pre-Christmas period are:

Tradeway Stores, Collins Property Management, Ralph Leon, Neal Wells DDS, Ball Chiropractic, Dr. Foor Paws Pet Hospital, Dean and Vena Flint, El Cerrito Florist, Al Caruso Insurance, Dream World Florist, The Junket, Marvin Gardens Real Estate, Granter Jewelry and Loan, Olivero Plumbing, El Cerrito Lighting.

Doherty's Truck and Auto Rental, F. E. Forbes Co., Fatapples, El Cerrito Lions Club, Bay Tackle Discount Mart, Mail Boxes Etc., Nations Food Service, Pastime Ace Hardware, Peter Pugliesi, Bert Chan, East Bay Sanitary Co., Edward Jones, El Cerrito Art Association, Plaza Auto Service, Speed Oil Change Center, Natural Grocery Co., and Civic Plaza Apartments.

A 60-year member

The Cerrito City Club, a well-known local, social organization, will celebrate its 60th anniversary year in 2002. The club has been an associate member of the Chamber for the past 36 years.

First board meeting

The Chamber board will hold its first meeting of 2002 on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 8:30 a.m. in the office of county Supervisor John Gioia, 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, in Del Norte Place.

Art group picks leaders

The El Cerrito Art Association, a long-time associate Chamber member, recently named Don Falconer to serve as the organization's president for the coming year.

Other officers elected to serve with him included: vice president, Nina Hazelton; secretary, Sylvia Falcon; treasurer, Eileen Hammons; directors, John Oshiro and Phyllis Myers.

POLICE REPORTS

Police: Box-toting bicyclist was want

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — At 3:38 a.m. Dec. 26 police stopped and arrested a bicyclist on Carlson Boulevard near Central Avenue. The cyclist was carrying two boxes and was discovered to have a "no-bail" warrant for his arrest.

The man, a 37-year-old Richmond resident, was also found to be carrying burglary tools and a stolen car stereo.

■ At 9:39 a.m. Dec. 24, near the intersection of Alta Punta Avenue and Gloria Street, police arrested a 21-year-old Richmond man who was found to be in possession of stolen property during a traffic stop.

■ At 10:14 p.m. Dec. 23 police noticed a suspicious vehicle on Betty Lane near Brewster Drive. It was soon discovered that the vehicle had been reported as stolen a few days earlier. The occupants of the vehicle, a 22-year-old and a 43-year-old, both Richmond residents, were arrested and taken to jail.

■ At 3:54 a.m. Dec. 20, a 27-year-old San Pablo man was arrested for battery of a police officer. The suspect reportedly stepped into the path of a moving police car to throw a plastic bottle against the driver's side of the vehicle. When the man was being handcuffed for this incident he kneed an officer in the groin.

■ At 9:19 p.m. Dec. 19 police responded to a call from the Target store in the 11400 block of San Pablo Avenue. A man, a 42-year-old Richmond resident with several prior theft convictions, allegedly tried to steal several DVD's from the store electronics department.

When confronted by store security, the suspect returned the DVD's and then took an "aggressive stance" towards the security officer. The suspect then tried to flee the store, but was detained and held for police after a brief scuffle.

■ At 11:19 p.m. Dec. 19 police received a call about someone loitering in the 11300 block of San Pablo Avenue. Upon investigation police discovered and arrested a 49-year-old homeless man in possession of two syringes and two baggies of suspected heroin.

■ At 7:20 p.m. Dec. 17 police arrested a 26-year-old Richmond man who was publicly intoxicated at the Denny's restaurant on San Pablo Avenue. The man also gave a false name when questioned by police.

■ At 1:35 a.m. Dec 15 [illegible] ficer noticed that the [illegible] alarm was sounding o[illegible] Explorer [illegible] Pablo Avenue [illegible] enue

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■ On Dec. 5 two El [illegible] women residing in the 300 [illegible] of Victoria Street reported [illegible] someone has telephoned [illegible] on several occasions and [illegible] sexually explicit co[illegible] There are no suspects [illegible] the police report.

The Albany police report returns next week

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Seniors Try It and Like it

Respite Stay Program Assists Transition to Senior Living Communities

By Susan Rich

San Leandro - Adult children are currently faced with emotional challenges that changes in our lifestyles have accentuated. Reversing roles with a parent is never an easy situation. Many adult children struggle with options for their aging parents, when living alone is not the best solution.

Contrary to the perception of most seniors, that living in their own home means remaining independent, the opposite is true. If mom or dad should no longer drive, have difficulty maintaining a yard, home repairs and basic activities of living, they are already dependent on their families.

Social interaction with friends is vital for seniors to maintain a healthy mental and physical status. Limited mobility or loss of a spouse creates a difficult environment to maintain friendships and an active lifestyle. Although beautifully appointed independent and assisted living communities are now available with a myriad of amenities, Mom and Dad often refuse to even consider the option.

An innovative program at a visionary senior living community in San Leandro has discovered the solution for reluctant seniors and made the decision making process much easier for families. Carlton Plaza, a family owned and operated senior community, has launched its "Respite Stay Program" to rave reviews. This unique program offers a short term minimum 5 day stay, without long term obligation. Parents can stay in a beautifully furnished apartment, enjoy restaurant-style dining, participate in a vibrant activity program, make new friends and experience the lifestyle of a senior living community first hand. The cost is very affordable and includes personal care if needed. Carlton Plaza's new short term stay program allows seniors to feel good about the choice to move into a senior living community in the future.

Tim MacDonald enjoys a conversation with a resident in the community's elegant living room.

The "Respite Stay Program" is also available to seniors who need rehab after an injury or surgery, or perhaps require assistance with the challenges of Alzheimer's and memory loss. Carlton Plaza provides a warm, intimate environment with a lovely courtyard and an activity program customized for the memory related challenges. Adult children reluctant to take a vacation and leave a parent alone, can also take advantage of this spectacular program.

The concept of "try it, you'll like it" definitely works. An amazing 95% of seniors trying the "Respite Stay Program" at Carlton Plaza not only like it, but love it enough to become residents. Discuss this exciting new option with your family. Your parents will discover a great place to live and make new friends and you'll discover a great way to reduce stress.

Call a Retirement Counselor at 510.636.0660 to get more information or schedule a tour and lunch...you'll be glad you called!

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azz man Richard Oxtot dies at 83

By Dave Greer
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raditional jazz fans and ny others were saddened to n of the death of Richard Ox- in Oakland after a long ill- . A major figure on the local ic scene for half a century, was best known to the gen- public as the banjo-playing er of the Oakland A's ngers jazz band which en- ed the team's games in the s and '80s.

addition to jazz bands, Ox- formed string and vocal ps and performed through- the Bay Area. He composed mber of tunes, and had a ck for discovering musicians singers including Janis in, Barbara Dane and Terry hwaite.

ichard Agee Oxtot was born eaufort, S.C., 83 years ago, grew up in San Francisco, re he attended Galileo High ool. He studied music and inspired to play jazz by the Watters Yerba Buena Jazz d which began the revival of Orleans jazz here in the late . After World War II, this -to-the-roots movement the country and continues merica and abroad.

rafted into the Army in 1940, t served in England, became gler and taught himself to play the cornet. After only six ths he was sitting in with orge Webb's Dixielanders, o featured well-known clar- ist Wally Fawkes.

fter the war Oxtot returned e Bay Area and attended San cisco State and later Candel ervatory of Music in Oak- . He furthered his musical cation by attending live per- ances of the great New Or- s revival bands led by Kid , George Lewis and Bunk nson.

xtot played jazz with other -minded young musicians, in the early '50s formed his group, the Polecats. This was a bold, strutting little band propelled by Oxtot's Bunk Johnson-inspired cornet and graced by Bunky Coleman's limpid clarinet. In 1952 they waxed six 78s which are among the best of revival recordings.

On the strength of these records, The Dixieland Rhythm Kings of Dayton, Ohio, hired Oxtot to replace drafted trumpeter Carl Halen. Oxtot toured the Northeast with the band and teamed up with Halen for a memorable recording session.

Tiring of the road, Oxtot returned to Berkeley, but a bout of hepatitis caused him to take up the less physically demanding banjo. However, he continued to play some cornet and sometimes string or brass bass. In 1954 the Bearcats were born from a union of former Polecats with bassist Peter Allen, drummer "Wonderful" Don Marchant, and the late cornet player P.T. Stanton.

This group became one of the most popular traditional bands in the Bay Area, with a lighter, more swinging sound than those following the Lu Watters tradition. All the Bearcats sang well — Stanton's fey vocals often brought down the house — but Oxtot was the real voice of the band against which Bay Area groups are still measured.

Bob Mielke, bandstand leader and trombonist, described Oxtot as, "the mainstay of the band through the '50s and '60s, contributing tune ideas and his own originals, a winning vocal style, and a rock solid beat."

Some of these original compositions are "Ain't Nobody Got the Blues Like Me," "My Lovin' Imogene," and "Polecat Strut." Traditional bands here and abroad still play and record them.

Oxtot, who was known as "The Grey Fox," was also known for his unequaled ability to find jobs for his jazz bands, folk-pop groups, and the blues singers he discovered. The best-known of the latter was Janis Joplin whom he encountered in a small Berkeley club where his trio was playing.

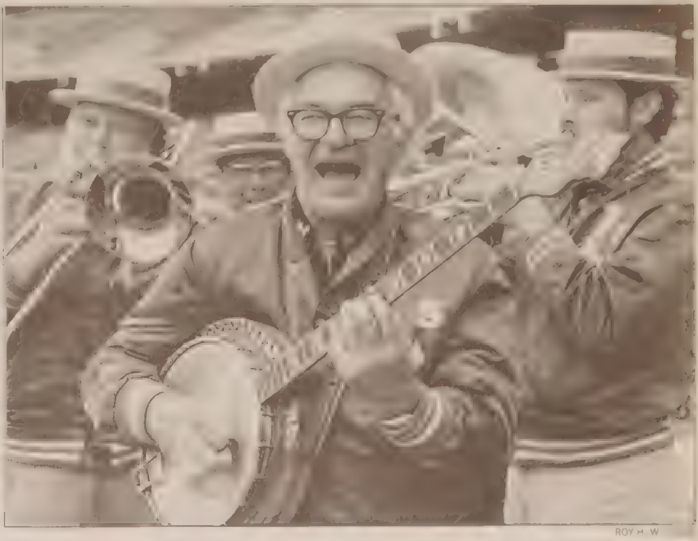
Joplin began singing at his parties and with his band, amazing the crowd with her diamond-cutter tonality and total mastery of the blues. Oxtot recorded her at a party and attempted to get her a job at Turk Murphy's popular Earthquake McGoon's in San Francisco.

For this occasion Joplin exchanged her customary motorcycle attire for a dress and stockings. However, Murphy pegged her as a "beatnik" and refused to audition her. Soon she was shouting out rock vocals with Big Brother and the Holding Company and a great blues voice was lost forever.

A job delivering the mail led Oxtot to Barbara Dane's door. She had done some folk singing in Detroit, and she quickly acquired many fans with the Bearcats. Backed by Oxtot and associates, she recorded an album in 1957 which launched a long and successful career in folk-blues singing.

In the '60s Oxtot formed The Goodwill Singers, a folk-pop trio featuring Terry Garthwaite. They worked local clubs and played the hungry i with Bill Cosby. Garthwaite continued to play and record with Oxtot after she gained national recognition with The Joy of Cooking. Other singers whom found, featured, and recorded include Laurie Lewis, Diane Holmes, Pamela Polland, Willow Wray, Barbara Rhodes, Barbara Rigbie and Tressa Lewis.

In a business where gigs are often brief, Oxtot's Golden Age Jazz Band set some kind of a record by playing for over 20 years at The Point in Point Richmond. He also led trios and quartets at the Hotel Mac there. And for some years his bands entertained in Albany's Memorial Park on July Fourth and at the Albany Senior Center.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DICK OXTOT, center, was a familiar figure at the Oakland Coliseum as leader of The Swingers jazz band during the days of Reggie Jackson and Jim 'Catfish' Hunter.

Oxtot made many recordings, some with famous New Orleans jazz musicians like George Lewis. The Grey Fox solved a problem many had playing with the old master by having everybody tune to his clarinet. P.T. Stanton's cornet was a perfect foil for the forceful Lewis, and the 1959 recording is one of his best. (Oxtot's records are available at Down Home Music in El Cerrito.)

Often written up in jazz publications. Oxtot was named "Jass Man of the Year" in 1988 by the New Orleans Jazz Clubs of Northern California. ("Jass" is an old spelling of jazz.) In making the award, jazz columnist and teacher Phil Elwood said that Oxtot not only enhanced jazz and swing, but that Bay Area blues, blues-rock, folk-rock and other hyphenated musical forms would have been different without him.

Those interested in Oxtot's life and the traditional music scene in the Bay Area will find much of interest in "Jazz Scrapbook; Dick Oxtot — Me and Other Stuff" published by the Creative Arts Book Co. in 1999. Jim Goggin co-authored the book which contains many colorful reminiscences, vignettes and photographs.

Dick Oxtot made his home in Albany for more than 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Darylene; his daughter, Heather Kennedy; his sons Terry Rodriguez and Justin Oxtot; and four grandchildren.

There will be no funeral services, but friends are planning a jazz tribute.

earing on Fairmount Ave. plan

L CERRITO — Fairmount ue, which has a new retail ence as streetside retail e at the Plaza shopping cen- prepares to open, will be the s of a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at the City Council mbers, 7007 Moeser Lane.

he meeting will address con- s related to the Fairmount ue Streetscape Master Plan, ch will cover possible im- ements such as sidewalk en- cements, street furniture, street signals, streetlights. banners, trees tree grates and landscaping for the area between San Pablo Avenue and the BART right-of-way.

The city wants to hear concerns of area residents, other input the public might have, information that may be needed and "expectations for the process and products," according to a notice sent out by the city planning division.

Details: 215-4330.

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nt an "Introduction to Or- ." Guests welcome. Cost is the door. Call 510-525-1669.

g parade, rally ed for Jan. 21

L CERRITO — The commu- is invited to the 13th annual de and rally celebrating the of slain civil rights leader the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 21. This year's theme is ding Hope for the Dream." articipants will assemble in parking lot of the Department Motor Vehicles at Kearney et and Manila Avenue at 10 . The parade starts at 10:30 and goes to the Community ter, 7007 Moeser Lane, where ally will start at 11 a.m. De- Patricia Durham, 510-234-

emocratic club eeting Jan. 22

EL CERRITO — The public is ed to attend the Jan. 22 eting of the El Cerrito Demo- tic Club in the street-level ctuary of the Northminster sbyterian Church on 545 Ash- y Ave. at 8 p.m., following the b's 7:30 p.m. general business eting. At the meeting, mem- s will consider endorsements offices and propositions on March 2002 ballot.

Details: Joe Franaszek, 510- -4659.

on-profit group res administrator

ALBANY — Deputy Superin- dent of Albany schools Wayne dover resigned from his post week.

Padover goes to the Califor- Foundation for Improvement Employer-Employee Relations, on-profit group that works to ld and maintain effective rkplace relationships.

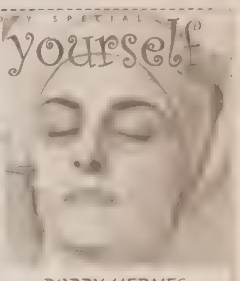
He will leave Albany at the end of the month.

The school board is considering keeping the position open to alleviate a budget shortfall.

Veterans Office temporarily relocates

RICHMOND — The Richmond branch of the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office has moved to new temporary quarters due to renovation at the West County Court Building on 37th Street.

The office's new home is at 3220 Blume Drive, No. 282, Richmond. The phone number is 510-374-3241. It opened for business Wednesday. The office should move back to the courts building within a year, said Veterans Service Officer Gary Villalba.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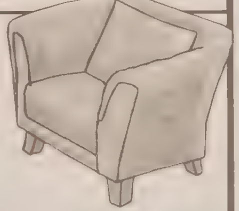
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EDITORIAL

Freedom of speech

IN TIMES OF NATIONAL emergency, when there is a real and present danger to the well-being of a people, it is necessary to take strong security and law enforcement measures. Such has been the case in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

Often these measures mean a temporary reduction of civil liberties. That has been true in past threats to national security, particularly in the Civil War and World War II. Fortunately, civil liberties were restored when the conflicts were over.

What is different in our present national emergency is the lack of what might be a definable conclusion to our fight against terrorism. In other words, our current action to preserve national security is open-ended. Thus we cannot clearly see an end to the extraordinary measures that are being instituted within our law-enforcement agencies. That is why we must be vigilant.

We need to ask ourselves if we want to live in a country where wiretapping is common, warrantless searches take place, military tribunals replace trials, racial profiling is broadly accepted, and people are imprisoned without being charged with a crime.

All of the above security measures might be tolerable in specific instances over a short duration. But we should be wary of institutionalizing them. That was the theme Sacramento Bee Publisher Janis Besler Heaphy was delivering to the midyear graduating class at Sacramento State last week.

She never finished, because of interruption by the audience, which began clapping and stomping. Much of the rude behavior was by parents and friends of the graduates, not the students, many of whom later apologized to Heaphy.

It is particularly disturbing when someone is not allowed to present his or her views at an institution dedicated to learning, regardless of how unpopular those views may be. Unfortunately, the intolerance shown to Heaphy is not uncommon on college campuses. Over the years any number of prominent men and women has been booed off the stage.

One has to wonder about those who were unwilling to allow someone to speak in favor of civil liberties and constitutional rights. Have these fundamental underpinnings of our republic become so distasteful that we cannot defend them on a university stage?

Perhaps those who disrupted Heaphy do not understand that questioning governmental policy, even in time of national emergency, is not unpatriotic and that we can vigorously attack terrorism without abandoning our liberty.

That was part of the message Heaphy tried to deliver, but was drowned out by unthinking protesters. Such action betrays an ignorance of what patriotism is all about: love of country. But how can one love one's country while debasing one of its finest features, freedom of speech?

In the last part of her speech, Heaphy wrote that "asking questions about government policies isn't disloyal. It's your duty. ... Freedom of expression is one of our most cherished American values. It sets us apart. It makes us great. But it can't be taken for granted." Too bad she never got to speak these words to those who needed to hear them most.

Obligations extend past our officials to all of us

THIS IS THE TIME of year when editorial writers like to encourage elected officials to exert themselves to higher-minded efforts over the next 12 months, to work together better, to spend the public's money more wisely, in short, to mind the public's business better.

But it seems it is also appropriate for we the people to remember that, if we're paying attention, it's much more difficult for those we elect to office to do things we don't like — whether that's something outright illegal or just something that moves our city, county, state or nation in a direction we don't favor.

Since Sept. 11 we've all been reminded that the democratic form of government is worth protecting and not being taken for granted. That's all well and good. And to protect and appreciate it, you should know how it works. Too few of us do.

So how about this for a resolution to add to your list this weekend: Resolve to understand something about your government.

Choose the nation's Bill of Rights, a state law, city ordinance or school-board policy that affects something you care about — and take the time to learn about it. Understand where it came from, who was for and against it, what effects it has and what threats it may be under now.

What concerns you? Taxes? Immigration law? School testing? Civil liberties? Open space?

Our form of government, from the top down, does deserve to be protected — also to have a populace that understands exactly what it's protecting. For that the population needs resolve — and maybe also a New Year's resolution.

LET'S GO FOR A HAPPIER NEW YEAR
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU.
WELL, HOW WAS IT?
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

31 inches

He will be missed

Jerome Blank — Mr. Albany — passed away the night of Dec. 20 after a long and brave battle against cancer.

Albany will not be the same without him. We will miss his quick mind, incredible foresight and perseverance.

Jerome fought his last battle with courage and dignity until his final day, despite suffering incredible pain. I think he did not believe he could die. It did not fit into his schedule. He still had a thousand things to do and tried to do them, right up until the end.

Jerome was a warrior, a crusader, a public servant and a brilliant businessman. It is very difficult to imagine how things will be in Albany without him. He was the definitive "can-do" man.

The last time I saw Jerome, he was undergoing chemotherapy treatment for the bone cancer that later took his life.

He did not look well at all. Yet, there he was, behind his desk, working as if all he had was a minor cold. His only complaint was that the radiation treatments caused him to lose his appetite. For food, that is: Jerome never lost his appetite for life!

James Carter
Albany

Carter is director of the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

Address causes

Like nearly everyone else in our country, I am greatly saddened by the tragic events of Sept. 11 and my heart goes out to those families that lost loved ones. Also, as I see our leaders declaring a "War on Terrorism," I'm a bit saddened and concerned.

Yes, I want justice and I want those committing such acts stopped. However, will a military solution work?

Has the War on Drugs worked? No! Everyone agrees it has been a failure because we've failed to address the major cause, which is our society's desire to consume drugs. Thus, we have wasted vast amounts of money.

One might ask, is there reason for others wanting to bring death into our country and what are the causes? Are there circumstances where Americans bring death to other countries? The United States is the world's biggest exporter of arms. Can we continue to ignore what these arms are used for? We have given or sold arms to the "terrorist nations" of Afghanistan and Iraq.

If our country wants to feel safe, we need to protect others from harm. If we don't want others to import death into our country, we need to export life and not continue to export death into theirs. With the vast amounts of money we're spending on our military build-up and war on terrorism, we could probably feed most of the hungry people worldwide.

Instead of a missile shield, how about building a shield of goodwill by using the money to benefit others? I would feel safer.

David Olynick
Berkeley

A day to rejoice

El Cerrito Plaza is reborn as a state-of-the-art shopping center available to shoppers from near and far with goods and services tailored to every taste and pocketbook.

For those of us who advocated renewal of the Plaza and the city over many years, this is a day to rejoice. We can thank our outstanding mayor, a great city manager, consultants, and a City Council prepared for the second year of the millennium.

Ours has been a long struggle, which most members of the Committee on Aging strongly supported. We had the support of organized labor countywide. And let's not forget the outstanding construction company, which performed a miracle.

Let us rejoice and shout "Hurrah!"

Dan Freudenthal
El Cerrito

Albany's plan

The creation of the East Shore State Park has led to a flurry of lobbying for the use of the Albany waterfront, ignoring the vast amount of input and planning done by our residents, which resulted in the Albany Plan.

Approved by the City Council in 1995, it made the hard choices to best meet the needs for this space. It calls for sports activities on the plateau, and preservation of the beach, neck and bulb.

I hope Albany residents and others interested in the waterfront will acquaint themselves with the plan, now on-line at www.albany.gov.

Suzanne Conrad
Albany

Conrad is a member of Albany Waterfront Committee.

Mixed emotions

Every New Year brings hope of a new beginning, but I worry.

If it rains, we will all get wet and cold and come down with the flu. If it doesn't rain, there will be a drought, flowers will die, frogs will flop forlornly in far-off, lonely ponds, and California will go from rust to dust.

Hovering always in the background of my favorite worry are the unseen terrorists who can strike at any time. I worry about smiling saints who, beyond reason, are convinced they will live in paradise forever if they send enough unbelievers to oblivion.

I worry about the economy. Will there be a long depression? Is it dribble down or trickle up? I really, really worry that the present administration has it all wrong. They seem convinced, bey reason, that the welfare of th wealthy is sufficient to transport a living paradise of exotic pipelines ego-enhancing profits

But come to think about it, worr is just a silly, mostly useless habit, it? In any case, let's light the candles off the fireworks and declare this Year's resolution: Think only thoughts. Live your fantasy! Why The gods are laughing.

'Tis the season to be jolly. By golly joy your folly!

Christiane T. Wal
Berke

AT&T is guilty

I'm paying a premium cost for speed Internet ($56 a month). Here test result for this "high-speed" con tion.

The city of Berkeley rips us off fo "utility tax" *and* a "franchise fee" to cost of 10 percent of the cable, phone Internet service provider bill. For wh What does the city do for this fee, support and give aid and comfort to Taliban and America's enemies?

AT&T is guilty of theft, false adver ing, and in violation of its own "term service." It continues to advertise speed" Internet but is not delivering cannot get DSL with AT&T digital p service either!

So, thank you congressional repre sentatives here, for your "cable dere lation act," which tripled our cable ra You are really the terrorists of this cou try!

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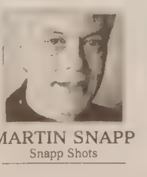
"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Even in a year to forget, there are things worth remembering



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

T'S CUSTOMARY at this time of the year to take a nostalgic look back at the st 12 months. But when 2001 s Monday night, nostalgia I will be light-years apart. s has truly been an *annus ribilus*. All you need to say o words: Sept. 11. Of se, I was in a bad mood n before then. This was also year that my brother Steve , and I still miss him terri- Curiously, the terrorist at- had one upside for me: It ped me put my own loss in spective.

t taught me that I'm not cial, that my sorrow is no e important than anyone s. Compared to what hap- ed in New York, Washing- and Pennsylvania, the blems of one little person — uote "Casablanca," one of e's favorite movies — n't amount to a hill of ns."

Anyway, here's wishing us a happy 2002. I hope it's an provement. It could hardly worse.

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If anything good is to come of this war that has been ust on us, my hope is that 'll emerge transformed for better.

It's happened before. After Civil War, the nation didn't back to what it was before that is, a country where slavery was legal. After World War II, millions of GIs who had risked their lives to defend democracy abroad, came back and were disillusioned by the lack of it at home. It was they who set the table for the Civil Rights movement of the '50s. Martin Luther King won, not by force, but by appealing to the consciences of those ex-GIs.

So is it too much to hope that this time, we'll finally give the heave-ho to the prejudices that have divided us far too long? Berkeley's Mark Bingham, one of the heroes of Flight 93, and Father Michael Judge, the martyred priest of the World Trade Center collapse, were gay. Might this not cause straights to rethink their stereotypes about gays?

Tom Burnett of San Ramon, another hero of Flight 93, was a devout churchman. Might this not cause liberals to rethink their assumptions about religious people?

Many of the soldiers putting their lives on the line for us in Afghanistan are African-Americans. Is it too much to hope that their service and sacrifice will impel us to finally confront the crippling legacy of slavery and segregation?

As Paul McCartney said, can we take a sad song and make it better? We owe the 3,000-plus people who died no less.

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Before this awful year is out, I'd like to salute a few people who made it a little more bearable:

Rudy Giuliani: A good (if obvious) choice for Time's Person Of The Year, he's the greatest mayor of any city since his hero, Fiorello LaGuardia. What is it about New Yorkers and their Italian mayors? One was a flowering hero; the other is a towering hero.

George W. Bush: I've been an enthusiastic Bush-basher since his old man's day, but even I couldn't help being moved by his transformation from Prince Hal to Henry V. (Here's hoping he meets his Agincourt soon.) To all my fellow Democrats who are gagging at having to rally around this guy, look at it this way: Now we know how it felt to be a Republican on Dec. 8, 1941.

Donald Rumsfeld: I'll confess to a guilty pleasure: I tune in Rummy's press conference every day because he makes me laugh. Besides, it's refreshing to hear a politician answer questions with "Yes," "No" or "I don't know," instead of the usual evasive action.

Loni Hancock and Tom Bates: They were subjected to a rather nasty personal attack a few weeks ago by a columnist for another paper, and I can't figure out why. She was a terrific mayor, he was a terrific assemblyman, and I can't think of another couple who have contributed as much over the years to the general welfare.

Kimberly Roberts: If you ever have a family member with a life-threatening disease, as I did this year, I hope you find someone as compassionate and helpful as Roberts and her colleagues at the Red Cross of Northern California. The most impressive thing about them is their utter lack of bureaucratic red tape.

Laurinda Ochoa, Bill Tingle, Ronda Theissen and Bill Denny (in Alameda County) and Dana Filkowsi (Contra Costa County): Dedicated prosecutors who are old people's last defense against con artists who are robbing them.

Dennis Chaconas: Granted, I've never been much of a Jerry Brown fan; and I'm even less enthusiastic about his appointee to the Oakland School Board, Paul Cobb. But what they are doing together to undermine Superintendent Chaconas is shameful, even for them. Chaconas is the best thing to happen to the Oakland schools since the late, lamented Marcus Foster. He deserves support, not sniping.

Jane Bartke: The former El Cerrito mayor is spearheading a drive to preserve the beloved Christmas sculptures of Sundar Shadi. A classic example of what makes El Cerrito such a unique town.

Nelson Polsby: My wise man. Whenever I'm having trouble figuring out what's going on, I head over to Moses Hall at Cal for one of Professor Polsby's celebrated 3 p.m. teas, and he explains it all for me. Thanks for another year of wisdom, Nelson.

Shirley Dean and Kriss Worthington: It may seem incongruous to lump these two together — and I'm sure I'll get no thanks from either one for doing it — because they loathe and mistrust each other and are on the opposite side of almost every issue. But I've never met two harder-working public servants, or two people more dedicated (each in his or her own way) to the public good. If only they could see each other as I see them!

And finally, *my* Person Of The Year: The ordinary working American.

The cops and firemen, of course. But also the postal workers who deliver our mail; the garbage men who haul away our trash; the AC Transit and BART drivers who get us where we want to go; the PG&E linemen who go out in driving rainstorms to restore our power; the paramedics who are first on the scene in any emergency; the Coast Guard who protect our harbors; the National Guard who are flying overhead to protect us from another Sept. 11; the unemployed workers who are bearing the burden of this recession; and the soldiers, sailors, Marines, pilots and CIA agents who are our avenging angels in Afghanistan.

Last, but certainly not least, the teachers who have in their care our most precious asset of all: our children.

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And speaking of our children, my apologies to Shannon for failing to include her on last week's list of kindergartners at Marin School in Albany who made those beautiful holiday posters.

Sorry, Shannon. Have a happy New Year anyway.

E-mail Martin Snapp at catman@california.com or call him at 510-273-9039.

Please recycle this newspaper

Longtime club owner Mary Rice Moore dies

By Dave Greer
CORRESPONDENT

Nightclub owner Mary Rice oore, 73, died Wednesday at r Berkeley home.

She was well known to Bay a musicians and fans for the de variety and high quality of sic she presented at Man- ake's in Berkeley in the late 60s and early '70s.

The club at 10th Street and iversity Avenue featured blues, ditional and modern jazz, ck, and occasionally an act ch as Richard Pryor. The Magic eater also found a home there.

Mandrake's was known as an cubator for local blues and rock nds. It was there that Commander Cody and his Lost Planet Airmen, Asleep at the Wheel, and The Joy of Cooking first gained an audience.

Elvin Bishop and Dan Hicks appeared, while local bands like the Beans, the Crabs, and David and Annie played to loyal fans for years.

The club she owned with partners also drew such modern jazz luminaries as Thelonious Monk, Pharoah Sanders, Dexter Gordon, Clark Terry, Chet Baker, and Stanley and Tommy Turrentine.

Mandrake's opened in early 1968 and, due to rising overhead and adverse developments in the music business, closed in June 1974.

Mary Rice Moore was born in Great Falls, Mont., in 1928. She grew up there and earned a bachelor's degree from the College of Great Falls and a master's in English literature from the University of Minnesota.

Upon moving to Berkeley, she worked as a counselor and later taught girls in the Alameda County Juvenile Hall. Subsequently, she was a special education teacher in Contra Costa County.

She was married to the late Willie Moore, a well-known Bay Area blues and jazz saxophonist.

Moore is survived by her sister, Ann Rice Ough of Oakland, and her brother, Pat Rice of Great Falls, as well as nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Albert's Chapel, 6172 Chabot Road, Oakland.

BITUARY

ichard Yamashiro ies at 74

Longtime Solano Avenue mer- ant Richard Yamashiro of rkeley died Dec. 21. He was

Mr. Yamashiro was born Oct. 1927 in Berkeley. He had a jewelry store, Richard's Jewelers, in on Solano Avenue in Albany for 52 years before retiring earlier this year.

He is survived by wife Christine; daughters Julie Weitz (Mike), Amy (Jason [Lustig] Yamashiro), and Jane (Mark Fujiwara); grandchildren Brian and Tracy Weitz, and Kalen Yamashiro; brothers Hank and George (Jeanette); sisters Mary Otani (Bill) and Yoshiye; nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 29 at the Albany Veterans Memorial Hall, 1325 Portland Ave., in Albany.

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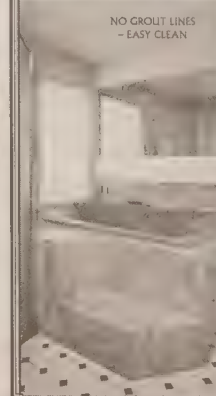

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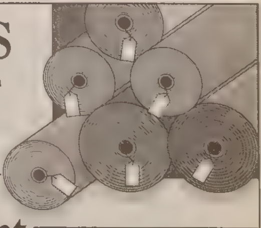

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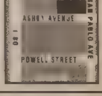

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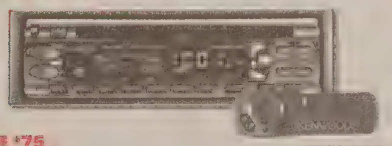

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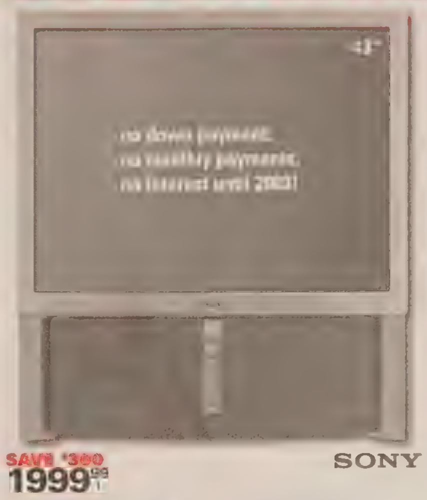

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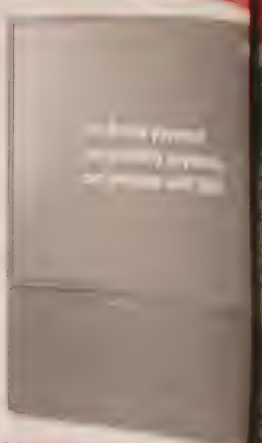

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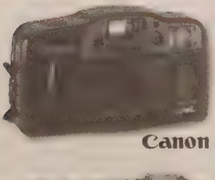

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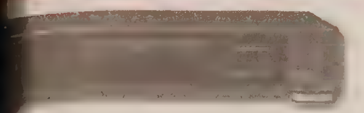

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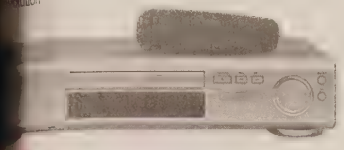

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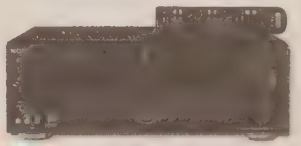

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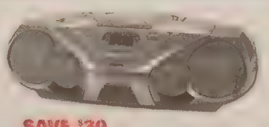

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Spending an afternoon with the 'Queen of Jewish Soul'

CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

MY FRIEND had suggested that we attend a concert put on by a mutual friend, with some woman from Germany. That was all I knew.

What happened was amazing and astonishing —and fun. We were greeted by Irith Gabriely as we came into the hall of this retirement home where our host, Herb Gaynes, lived. She was dark, tall and handsome in an intense way. And she was charming in her friendliness.

We were their audience, my friend and I, several other people who belonged to our organization, and several people from the retirement home.

Herb opened the afternoon by passing out copies of an article that told of their meeting. It began: "They met in a Jewish chat room ... He resides in Concord, she in Darmstadt, Germany. ... Their hearts were united by their common love of music."

The article then went on to explain how this far distant friendship grew and blossomed through the Internet.

Herb is a retired salesman who was also a baritone saxophone player who used to play in a dance band.

Irith Gabriely is a professional clarinetist known as the "Queen of Jewish Soul."

"After we sort of fell in love with each other," said Gaynes, he invited her to come for a visit." She readily agreed.

"We figured as long as I'm here, why not put on a concert," said Gabriely, who arrived in Concord during Hanukkah for her first visit to the United States.

Gaynes has a friend who lives in Hamburg and who told him that "she puts on a show that's something else." She should. Expecting little, we were amazed and delighted at the show.

It was only afterward that we discovered how talented the lady really is. She has had her own symphony orchestra. She has performed throughout Europe, including playing in the Darmstadt Opera.

She has her own band, Colalaila, which has performed at the hall of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra. With Colalaila she has given award-winning performances in the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland and the Klezmer Festival in Safed, Israel. She will play with the Munich Philharmonic in February. And in March she gives a concert in Spain.

In fact, this Israeli native has won awards in her own country as well as in Europe. And her music is an eclectic collection of symphonic, popular, great jazz and klezmer, with a little Old Country Yiddish thrown in. And, as she proved in her concert, she does them all beautifully.

She played for us, her eyes flashing, her body swaying, moving almost constantly to her music. She spoke a bit between pieces — of caring and loving, and of the importance of moving to music.

She introduced us to a Scandinavian composer, Niels Gade, commenting that usually people from Scandinavia are looked upon as cold, unemotional people. His music is certainly not that. In fact, it made us think of Schubert, and it was lovely. She had us clapping with her jazz and her klezmer, and taught us a little Yiddish tune to sing with her. Two of the things she played were written by her accompanist, Peter Przystaniak, a very talented musician, himself.

In fact, Przystaniak had recorded himself playing the songs that she would play, so that, for the concert, she could play against his accompaniment, as she has done for some 18 years. And the musicianship of the two shone like a light.

Playing a Hassidic tune, Irith said, "To the Hassids, music opens the heavens. And when he heavens open, the ancients look down on us, and we look up and health and happiness can be ours."

The concert ended in a burst of music, of clapping and acclamation. Irith Gabriely had brought some of her CDs with her, and they were eagerly bought up by the audience, who had her autograph them.

I asked their permission to write about this most unusual event, and both of them agreed and were very pleased that I would want to do so.

What will happen to the two of them? Irith says she has a 17-year-old son, and cannot make any changes in her life until she knows that he is set in his.

Meanwhile, they will continue what has become a very important friendship over the Internet and, who knows? Their mutual attraction was apparent. And her enjoyment of her very first trip to the United States was there for all to see. Vivid and alive, Irith Gabriely is a talented, memorable personality. What a delightful afternoon.

Thank you, June Maberry, for convincing me that I should attend this concert. As always, I invited your input: Give me your interesting person or event. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crggenser@aol.com.

Meetings will focus on Catholic church

St. Mary Magdalen Parish will begin a series of meetings for anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Catholic church. The first several weeks of this program are informal and give the participants an opportunity to ask questions and share about their faith journey. It does not obligate anyone to become Catholic but rather provides a forum to seek information.

The series will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, in the rectory conference room and subsequent meetings will continue until March 12. It is open to everyone and you may start at any time. The Parish is located at 2005 Berryman St. in North Berkeley. For more information call Christine Straessle at 526-4811, ext. 19.

League of Women Voters meets Jan. 15

The League of Women Voters, Richmond Area will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Sommerville Retirement Facility, 6510 Gladys , (second Floor), El Cerrito.

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By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

CERRITO — "We have six hours," Mayor Janet Abel- last week after the City approved up to $17,600 end hours at the public li- for the rest of this fiscal The fiscal year runs through 2002.

annual cost to the city for ditional hours will be . The council's funding increased county funds county and the city will pay for three additional li- hours per week for a total additional hours of opera- ach week.

Allocation of the county funds was dependent upon the city matching funds. Currently the library is open 29 hours a week and is closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Rose-Marie Westberg, deputy county librarian for public services, said the new schedule should take effect in February or March. The library will conduct a survey to see what hours patrons prefer. "Do people want Saturday mornings? Do they want Friday mornings? Do they want Tuesday mornings or Tuesday or Thursday evenings?," Westberg said. "We'll see what they say."

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Del Norte

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sent the "preferred development scenario" that comes out of the workshops.

Gillem said the goal is to create a "community-based vision" for the site and that key issues are transportation and traffic, housing, retail and office uses.

"In the discussions I've had with a number of folks, it seems like people are interested in a transit-oriented mixed-use development," he said earlier this week.

Oewel has an agreement with BART that gives him exclusive rights to develop BART property at the Del Norte station. He said he has invested more than seven years and $500,000 in planning efforts to develop the property.

City Hall

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Hall site, the former Albertson's midtown site on San Pablo Avenue, the Community Center area, the Mayfair site near the Del Norte BART station and the Recycling Center/Corporation Yard site at the east end of Schmidt Lane.

Speaking at last week's meeting, Steve Magyary of the El Cerrito Citizens Alliance, pointed out that the city has an estimated $30 million or more in unmet capital needs and urged development of a long-term capital projects and maintenance plan.

"Let's develop an overall master plan with funding sources," he said. City Manager Scott Hanin said such plans are in the works. "We'll be talking a lot about finances in the next six months," he told the council.

The old City Hall was torn down in 1987 because of seismic safety concerns. The city purchased used trailer coaches as temporary civic offices that still serve as City Hall at 10890 San Pablo Ave.

Advocacy

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The FNL gang didn't stop there, though, They've gotten the ear of City Councilman Mario DiPrisco, and hope to get the city to adopt a tobacco-free-youth ordinance.

Neighboring Contra Costa County adopted such an ordinance in 1999. Among other things, it requires tobacco retailers to apply for a tobacco license, similar to the licenses required of liquor retailers. Also, stores would be put on a list of tobacco retailers that would make them accountable for selling tobacco products.

More than 250 cities nationwide have adopted policies similar to the one the students propose, and sell rates to minors are collectively dropping, says Yeung.

DiPrisco met with a few FNL representatives at a holiday function last week and said that the situation the students discovered is "horrendous."

"That's very alarming," he said. "I think we should work to strengthen enforcement."

DiPrisco listened to the club's suggestions and said he welcomed their thoughts. "I think (the ordinance) is very reasonable and I look forward to their proposal."

The students plan to appear before the Albany council in January and make the case for Albany joining other Alameda County cities in a tobacco free-youth ordinance.

Meanwhile, there are other fish to fry — like schoolwork.

Other than failing math, Pan joked, the program has had a significant impact in these civic leaders of the future.

The program "has helped us a lot with leadership and how if we can get together we can accomplish a lot," she said. Yeung said that Friday Night Live is planning chapters at Albany's Teen Center and at Albany Middle School by next year.

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This process directly affects your community. If you want to help determine what the redrawn boundaries look like, please attend one of the following meetings.

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Meeting Dates & Locations

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Thursday, January 24
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BART: Fruitvale Bart Station

Wednesday, January 16
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Fremont Family Resource Center
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AC Transit lines: 212, 211

Thursday, January 31
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A BOUQUET of flowers and a sign reading "We will miss you Jerry" were attatched to the clock on Solano Avenue on Dec. 21 in memory of Jerome Blank. More bouquets and cards were placed there during the past week.

JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

Blank

FROM PAGE A1

Councilmember Jewel Okawachi, also born and raised in Albany, remembers the wealth of wisdom that Blank possessed.

Blank always had a warm smile on his face, even for people he'd only met once or twice, and was known as an articulate and informed public speaker.

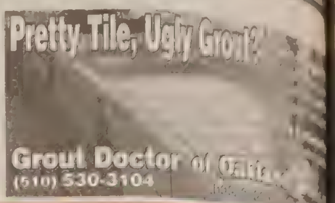
"Personally, he was very knowledgeable," Okawachi said. "He was the one that we always looked to for (town) history."

Blank succumbed to a lengthy battle with bone cancer but never let the ailment get in the way of his unrelenting work on solving Albany's parking and traffic problems.

Earlier this year, the city donated in his honor the old-fashioned, green-and-gold clock that stands on lower Solano Avenue. The inscription on it reads: "Jerome Blank/Mr. Albany."

He is survived by his wife, Muriel, their two daughters, the Rev. Deborah Blank of Emeryville and Marcia Kelly of Topeka, Kan., and grandson, Michael Kelly.

The family is arranging a private ceremony in the coming week and plans to have a public memorial sometime in January.



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Gauchos hit the gym — objective: spiffing it up

By Tom Lochner
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — With a floor paved in petrified bubble gum, and bleachers finished with more grime than paint, the El Cerrito High School gymnasium seemed a bit lacking in Gaucho Pride — a situation that cried out for some leadership.

Some Gauchos answered the call. Most of the 30-odd members of Nancy Boissevin's leadership class and another half dozen from other classes spent Dec. 15 and 16 cleaning and repainting the gym. "Some of the kids were, shall we say, taken aback by the physical appearance of the gym," said Boissevin. "They were just fed up, and they decided to take it upon themselves because of their leadership."

The leadership students are used to hard work. The class meets every morning at 7:30 a.m., 45 minutes before everyone else has to show up at school. And so, on Saturday they used putty knives to strip the floor of its vile asphalt of bubble gum and other stuff. Then they washed the floors, walls and bleachers, the latter in preparation for painting.

"This basically is our communal place, where we watch sports," said junior Josh Forcum of Richmond, organizer of the weekend project. "It's the part of the school our community sees," he said. "We want to make it presentable."

The gym serves as a varsity basketball and volleyball arena and as a venue for intramural sports, school assemblies and pep rallies. "Every large thing that happens on this campus happens in the gym," said assistant principal Edwyna Elzie.

The weekend laborers included some cheerleaders but few jocks.

"A few of the basketball players showed up (Saturday)," said senior Daniela Quintanilla, 17, of El Sobrante, a leadership student, school rally chairperson and varsity soccer player. "More soccer players showed up, and we don't use the gym."

Her classmate and fellow leadership student Tracey Davis, 17, of El Cerrito explained:

"It's always the leadership kids that act, because we're the leaders and it's our responsibility to reform the school."

On Sunday, the students painted the bleachers in alternating rows of forest green and white — the school colors. Despite eschewing drop cloths — covering the entire floor would have been a prohibitive undertaking, several students said — they left behind few drops or smears.

"Gaucho Pride," exclaimed a beaming Elzie, and she wasn't just thinking ahead to the Gauchos' basketball season, which resumes Jan. 8. "Where the students take on the responsibility of improving the school," Elzie said, "that's Gaucho pride. This is our home. "We want it to be presentable not just for us but for the people who come to our school."

Beholding his group's handiwork, Forcum said, "I'm hoping to make this an ongoing thing and plan more cleanups."

A group of students, heavy on cheerleaders and urged on by boosterish teachers and administrators, could be expected to applaud their own work. But would the shine stand up to the discerning eyes of a pro?

"These kids are doing a great job," said Al Griffin, one of two school-district painters assigned to work with the students over the weekend. "All these kids are workers. They're all great."

JOLINE PRICE, 16, cleans windows and frames, joining about 50 El Cerrito High students whoworked to clean and paint the school's gym.

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Can creative financing get you into that home?

DIAN HYMER

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uyers in this country pay for a home. Most buyers a cash down payment and the balance of the pur- once with one or more ages. In today's low interest ronment, conventional provide most of this fi- But, that hasn't always e case

During the early 1980s, when interest rates shot up to as high as18 percent, most buyers couldn't qualify for mortgages. In order to complete home sales, buyers and sellers had to get creative. A seller who owned his home free and clear of any loan could offer to carry a mortgage for the buyer.

In this scenario, the seller became the bank. The seller didn't receive all his equity as cash at the time of sale. Instead, he carried a loan that was secured by a known property and he collected a monthly income until the loan was paid off. There were also tax advantages for some sellers who carried financing, which made the arrangement beneficial to both parties.

At that time, creative financing might not have been the preferred way to finance a home sale. But, in many cases, it was the only way to close a sale.

Creative financing, a term used to describe any financing arrangement that deviates from conventional financing, has a place in today's market, even though interest rates on conventional mortgages are incredibly low.

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: Homeowners who are trading from one home to another should consider creative financing options if they're intent on buying a new home before selling their current home. A seller who doesn't need all of his equity in cash at the time of sale might be willing to carry financing for a buyer who needs an interim loan in order to buy before selling his current home.

For example, let's say you're trying to buy a $500,000 home You have enough in savings for a 15 percent down payment, or $75,000. Your objective is to have a mortgage amount equal to 75 percent of the purchase price, or $375,000. So, you're $50,000 short

Suppose the seller owns his home free and clear of any mortgages. He's trading down to a smaller home that will cost him $250,000. He doesn't have any immediate need for the other $250,000.

The seller could carry a $50,000 loan for you, or even a larger loan if you want to conserve cash for emergencies.

The seller's loan would be secured against the property that you're buying, and he's selling, as a second mortgage. It would be secured behind the new first mortgage you obtain from a conventional lender

The terms of the loan-loan amount, interest rate, due date and payment schedule are negotiable between the buyer and seller A due on sale clause is usually included in such a loan This clause states that the loan is to be paid off when the buyer's home sells

In some cases, the seller may want the loan he's carrying for you to be recorded against both the property you're buying and the one you're selling. This guarantees that the seller is repaid when your old home sells

To ease the financial burden of owning two homes, ask the seller to defer monthly payments during the term of the loan. In this case you would pay the deferred payments in a lump sum when you repay the loan in full

THE CLOSING: Deferred payments will also make it easier for you to qualify for the new first mortgage on the home you're buying

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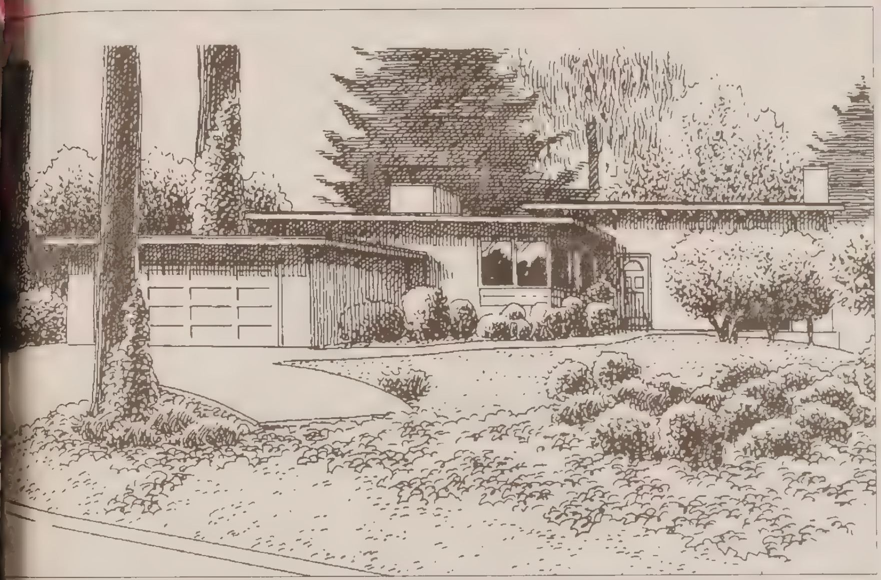

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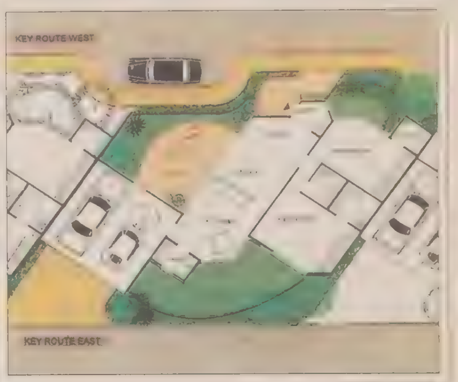


Editor

Permit me to make a few corrections to the Article "A proposal for Albany's Key Route Boulevard" that appeared in the Dec. 21 issue

Most importantly, the houses proposed for the Key Route median strip are *one-story* and not two stories (to minimize the spatial impact on the neighborhood.)

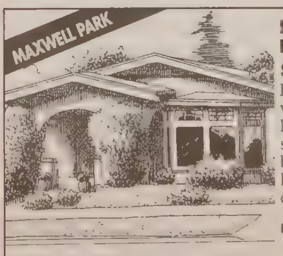
The statement "The ground around the trees consists of weeds that the city cuts periodically, no doubt, because funds are lacking to properly care for them" should have concluded..."lacking to properly maintain suitable landscaping."

The following should have included two (italicized) additions "The city would, of course, also benefit from the sale of the land to a home builder *plus* the property taxes the homeowners would generate

"These 1,100 square-foot homes would have only two bedrooms, so the buyers would likely be single or two-adult families. Income would be added to the school budget without adding *unduly* to the student population."

Thank you

— *John Rolf Hattam*
Architect



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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS REGION 6 CHAIRMAN, Bill Swanson, left, administers the oath of office to the new Alameda Association of Realtors 2002 President Hadi Monsef, as outgoing President Ann Bracci of Gallagher & Lindsey looks on.

Alameda Realtors celebrate at 2001 inaugural

BY BOBBIE REID
CORRESPONDENT

The Oakland Yacht Club in Alameda was the setting for the Alameda Association of Realtors 2001 Inaugural. The annual luncheon provides an opportunity to recognize the work of the outgoing officers as well as the installation of the new. The gavel passed from 2001 President Ann Bracci of Gallagher & Lindsey to 2002 President Hadi Monsef.

California Association of Realtors Region 6 Chairman, Bill Swanson, administered the oath of office to Monsef and the other new officers. Swanson is a Realtor with Prudential of California in Warm Springs. The new officers include President-elect Vincent San Nicolas and Treasurer Eileen Walker.

Hadi Monsef began his real estate career in 1985, as a Broker. In 1992, he joined Jan Mason at OMM, Inc. (Mason Management), as vice president. He has been an officer and director of the Alameda Association of Realtors for the last four years. He also served as a director for the California Association of Realtors.

In addition to his AAR involvement, Monsef is a past president of the Alameda Rotary Club and a former Alameda City Council member. He now serves on the Alameda County Assessment Appeals Board.

"I am looking forward to the coming year," commented Monsef, "as an exciting time, a time of change. This is a wonderful opportunity to represent this organization in the community."

AAR also recognized the contributions of two other members. Honored for exceptional service was Realtor of the Year Victor Jin of Property Investment Services and Affiliate of the Year Donna Smyth of North American Title Company.

For more information on the Alameda Association of Realtors call 510-523-7229.

Interview three agents, even if you want to sell

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Dear Bob: My husband and I are retired, so we have lots of time. He recently read a "How to Sell Your Home Without a Real Estate Broker" book and thinks we can save the sales commission by selling our home without a realty agent. But I'm worried we might make a costly mistake. Our lawyer says he will advise us after we receive a purchase offer from a buyer. Do you think we can really sell our home without paying a sales commission? — Agnes H.

Dear Agnes: No. Please do me a favor. Before you allow your husband to attempt selling your home without a professional realty agent, insist on interviewing at least three successful local agents.

Listen carefully to their listing presentations. Each agent should include a CMA (comparative market analysis) showing that agent's estimate of your home's market value based on recent sales (not asking) prices of nearby, comparable homes. I'll bet your husband doesn't have that vital information about your home's market value.

The agents you interview won't mind your taking their valuable time because they know 80 percent of do-it-yourself sellers fail and eventually list their homes with a professional agent within 30 to 60 days. The agents you interview know they have the best chance of getting your listing.

If you and your husband decide to try selling your home alone, please be sure to include "Broker co-op" in your newspaper ads. That means you agree to pay half the customary local sales commission, usually about 3 percent of the home's sales price, to an agent who brings you an acceptable purchase offer. Unless you cooperate with buyers' agents, your husband's do-it-yourself home sale is doomed to fail.

Be aware you are limiting your marketing by not having access to the local multiple listing service.

Be thrilled if a buyers' agent brings you an acceptable purchase offer. That agent will then handle the details of closing your home sale successfully. Also, please be aware you are limiting your marketing by not having access to the local multiple listing service and your Internet listing sales exposure at.realtor.com.

Is it really worth trying to save half a commission by incurring all the work of selling your home alone?

Is a houseboat a good investment?

Dear Bob: What is your opinion of buying a houseboat as a first or second home? What are the disadvantages? I am not too concerned about resale value, as I would plan to use it as a weekend or vacation getaway second home? — Alma L.

Dear Alma: Let's add recreational vehicles to your question, too. If you have lots of money you'll never need again, please be my guest and buy a houseboat or recreational vehicle as a second home. They are both high-maintenance, secondary residences, though some people live in them as their primary home.

Tax-wise, both offer tax deductions for the interest and any applicable property taxes if they are your principal or secondary residence.

But I cannot recommend either a houseboat or a recreational vehicle as a sound residence investment since they usually depreciate in market value.

Timeshares: vacations, not investments

Dear Bob: I believe timeshares should be treated as a place to spend your vacation, not as investments. They are an alternative to living in a hotel room or a cruise ship while on vacation.

My wife and I truly enjoy our timeshare three weeks in Cancun, Mexico, a week we spend in Hawaii, and our January week in Phoenix. Yes, we also own Trendwest Credits and want to sell, but before we sell, we plan to spend a week in Scotland. How do you spend your vacation? — John G.

Dear John: We agree timeshares are advance purchases of vacation time, not sound investments. I have yet to meet or hear from a timeshare owner who was able to sell for anywhere near their purchase price.

ROBERT J. BRUSS

I spend my vacations where I want to visit, usually just once or twice. My next vacation will be in Cuba in October. Do you own a vacation timeshare there where I can stay? If not, I'll have to stay at a five-star hotel with the tour group.

But I must share my timeshare story. About five years ago, on a flight from Washington, D.C., to Orlando, Fla., I sat next to a man who told me that he and his wife own 27 timeshares at various locations, including Orlando. I asked him if timeshares are good investments and he admitted they were not.

But then he added that he and his wife love to travel, especially to visit their grandchildren, so timeshares met their needs. His final timeshare advice to me was to buy a Marriott timeshare because they are always near excellent Marriott hotel restaurants.

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DAVID KUCHENTHAL

Data base disclosure

This is California law. The other name of this disclosure is Megan's Law. This disclosure must also be signed, prior to occupancy of a new tenant, and with existing tenants.

This law allows a prospective tenant, (or buyer), the right to research the California Department of Justice, sheriff's department, or police departments serving jurisdictions of 2,000,000, or more, for sex offenders. This is Section 290.4 of the Penal Code.

This is not an optional form, but State law.

Other forms

Renters Insurance: You can have a form that informs the tenant that renters insurance is available they the local Insurance company, and an option that they may buy to protect themselves

You have no option. Protect yourself, and your tenants because you will have a much better chance at the time of a landlord/tenant court dispute.

Smoke detector: When I rent a unit I use a form I created that is signed by the tenant. I walk to any and all smoke detectors and check them in the tenant's presence. Then I have the tenant sign and approve that the smoke detector was checked, and in working order. Working smoke detectors can not only protect the tenant; a signed disclosure can protect the owner.

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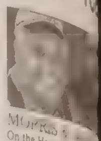
Some tips on spoiling yourself in the New Ye



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On the House

Comfort is something that more and more Americans aren't willing to sacrifice when it comes to their homes. Whereas once in our history it was a luxury to have indoor plumbing, today's quest is for a heated toilet seat

How else can you spoil yourself? Here's a sampling of some items that you might want to add to your remodeling "to-do" list·

- A ceiling fan that can turn itself on and off and adjust its speed automatically according to the temperature of a room
- Motion sensors that turn a light on when you walk into a room and off when you exit
- A smart thermostat that can be programmed to fire up the furnace in just enough time for your home to be toasty when you jump out of bed and then turn off just as you head off to work. This same thermostat will activate the furnace just before your afternoon return home and will shut the heating system down again at bedtime.
- Tired of ice-cold floors in the kitchen or bathroom? Have you considered electric radiant task heating?

What's fueling this phenomenon? Affordable technology. Once reserved for the rich and famous, home automation and electronic devices that improve personal comfort are fast-growing segments of the home-building industry. Even price-conscious high-volume builders are incorporating this technology into new home construction as a means of attracting buyers.

Thus, what many builders once tagged an "upgrade" can now be found as "standard equipment."

There's a bonus to many of these techno upgrades — energy savings. That's a good thing for a couple of reasons. It helps our environment and your pocket book. You get the best of all worlds — increased comfort, decreased energy use and less expense.

Of the comfort items referred to earlier, the one that is least known, yet becoming the most popular, is electric radiant task heating. Who enjoys getting out of a warm bed in the middle of winter to stand on a cold floor? Radiant floor heating has been around for eons. The ancient Greeks and Romans used it routinely. And certainly it is no stranger to many American homes. There is a difference, however, between the traditional whole-house boiler-driven radiant systems and electric radiant task heating.

The traditional system consists of a network of pipes that are encased in a home's concrete floor Hot water supplied by a boiler is circulated through the pipes to deliver a uniform and comfortable source of heat. One of the benefits of radiant heat is that the floor is warm. Thus, cold surfaces, such as tile and stone, are toasty when you walk on them in bare feet.

Electric radiant task heating is not a whole-house system. Rather, it is designed to be used in specific areas of a home, such as a kitchen or a bathroom.

Here's how it works. A system of small electric cables is installed in the mortar below tile or stone. There are many systems available depending upon the installation

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hy won't my house sell? onsider the home's condition

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is seems to be the most fre- ly asked question being d these days as sellers are ng current market conditions challenging. My last article ined asking price, and how acts a seller's ability to sell home in this market.

oday, we will take a look at ition. While you the seller ot control the overall market itions or the location of your e, you can control the condi- of your home. This can have stic effect on how much you for your home, and how kly it sells.

No matter what type of home u are selling, from a condo to a year-old tract home to a luxuri- e estate, there are several you should keep in mind u dive into this market. Even ur home is newer, these are tested principles that you are to pay attention to.

buyers smell it, you won't t: If your home has a notice- odor, most often from pets or ing, then you have a prob- This normally turns off most s as soon as they enter a , and kills any chance you of making a sale.

a minimum, depending on pronounced the odor is, you ed to clean thourouhgly the ting, drapes, and upholstery. on't be surprised if that n't do the trick, and you are with replacing the carpeting pad, and maybe even any ries. You might even need to me painting.

nd if you still smoke, consider king outside. And consider ing the family dog or cat out- or in the garage.If your home s damp or musty, you mav some drainage issues to ad- , or even a mold problem. e can be serious issues that re professional mitigation.

Light is good: Dark, gloomy interiors work well for Stephen King movies, but have a damaging impact on how your home shows. At a minimum, make sure that you pull back your curtains, open your blinds, and leave the lights on when a buyer is going to look at your home. You might even consider replacing those dark, heavy drapes with window treatments that allow in more light, such as wood blinds.

Dark carpeting generally makes a room look smaller. And if you have lots of dark wood in the form of trim or cabinets, consider painting it. Even if you have a large shade tree that keeps natural light out of your home, consider trimming it or even removing it. The difference can be astonishing.

Crowded house: This is probably the most common mistake that sellers make — too much furniture and clutter in a house. Too much furniture makes a room look much smaller than it actually is. Better to error on the side of too little furniture rather than too much.

Also, make sure you don't overdue it with too many pictures and other decorations on the wall, and excessive clutter on mantles and kitchen cabinets. Clutter is distracting, and you want buyers to look at your house, not your Lladro collection.

Paint vs. wallpaper: The current trend is towards paint. Conventional thinking has been to paint all of your walls white. Today we find that deeper wall colors are in. Now before you go and paint all of your walls dark purple, remember that your wall color should complement your furnishings and floor coverings, and take into consideration the degree of light in your home.

But a warm, deeper beige or tan color can do wonders to the personality and appeal of your home. And for the most part, wallpaper is not a plus to most buyers. Consider removing it, especially if it has a busy pattern to it.

The stage is set: Consider hiring a professional designer or stager. They are experts at preparing your home for sale and maximizing the appeal of your home. Small investments can pay huge dividends when it is time to sell.

If you are on a budget, consider visiting some model homes in new developments. It gives you a window into what buyers want. Builders spend tens of thousands of dollars doing research into what buyers are looking for — take advantage of this free market research.

They buy what they see: Many sellers are puzzled as to why buyers will not make even a low offer on a home that has potential, but needs a lot of work. The truth is that very few buyers have the appetite or imagination required to transform a home into top condition

If you still have rust colored shag carpeting and harvest green appliances, you might be in luck if your buyer is Perry Mason. However, most buyers today are looking for homes that have updated kitchens, nice amenities, fresh paint, and strong appeal.

If your home is somewhat tired, or has not been updated in years, it will not get strong consideration from most buyers.

Buyers today want it all — a home in prime condition in a desirable location at a very favorable price. As a seller, you will find that the better condition your home is in, the more attention you will get from serious buyers.

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les of existing homes in Cal- in November fell 12.4 per- and the median home price 11.2 percent compared to ame period a year ago, the rnia Association of Realtors eal Estate Solutions, a real information service, re- d today

Sales in November 2000 were fifth highest level on record, 's no surprise to see a year-to decline," said C.A.R. Presi- Robert Bailey.

In the San Francisco Bay sales continue to be im- ed by the overall weakness of region's economy. By com- son, Southern California ed moderate sales declines. median price continues to in most areas of the state reached $278,740 last h, a new record for Califor- he said

losed escrow sales of exist- single-family detached es in California totaled 870 in November at a sea- lly adjusted annualized rate, rding to information collected .A.R from more than 90 Mul- Listing Services (MLS) wide

Statewide home resale activity eased 12.4 percent from the 800 sales pace recorded in ember 2000. Resale activity ed a decrease of 0.2 percent in ember compared to October.

he statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2001 would be if sales maintained the November pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during November 2001 was $278,740, an 11.2 percent increase over the $250,660 median for November 2000, C.A.R. reported. The November 2001 median price increased 2.4 percent compared to October 2001.

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Some highlights

C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in November 2001 was 3.9 months, compared to 2.6 months for the same period a year ago.

The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 6.66 percent during November 2001, down from 7.73 percent in November 2000, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 5.20 percent in November 2001, compared to 7.22 percent in November 2000. The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 31 days in November 2001, compared to 33 days for the same period a year ago.

Regional sales data is not adjusted to account for seasonal factors that can influence home sales. The MLS median price and sales data for detached homes is generated from a survey of more than 90 associations of Realtors throughout the state. MLS median price and sales data for condominiums is based on a survey of 64 associations.

The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents closed escrow sales.

"2001 looks like it'll end up as one of the strongest years on record," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president and chief economist.

"Although sales are leveling off compared to last year's near record pace, inventory remains low in most areas of the state, year-to-year declines in mortgage interest rates have helped improve affordability and demand for housing remains strong."

The California Association of Realtors is one of the largest state trade organizations in the United States, with nearly 100,000 members dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate.

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n attorney suggested that you photos of each and every room, make copies, and have the new tenant sign and date the back of each photo. This leaves no room for dispute in a court of law.

There can be many other disclosures that may be necessary on specific properties. An example is a home with a swimming pool. A written rules and regulation form can go a long way in the event of a problem.

You can create any disclosure you may deem necessary to protect yourself, your tenant, and your property.

You must have the State and Federal mandated disclosures along with your rental agreement.

You have no option. Protect yourself, and your tenants because you will have a much better chance at the time of a landlord/tenant court dispute.

BOBBIE REID

OUTGOING PRESIDENT DENISE SMITH, left, congratulates the new WCR East Bay Chapter president George Johnson, center, as the Women's Council of Realtors California State Governor, Linda Ellen Anderson looks on.

East Bay WCR holds 2001 Inaugural

BY BOBBIE REID
CORRESPONDENT

Live music, by Loren Porter kicked off the 2002 Inaugural of the East Bay Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors (WCR). Outgoing President Denise Smith of Royal Real Estate Services passed the gavel to incoming President George Johnson.

The luncheon event took place at His Lordship's restaurant, in Berkeley. WCR's 2002 California State Governor Linda Ellen Anderson administered the oath of office to Smith and the other new officers. Anderson is a realtor with Prudential of California Realty in Lafayette. In addition to Johnson, the new officers include vice-president Denise Sonnier of Equity Link, Treasurer Jackie Wallace of New Century Title and Secretary Frankie Hartwell of Midnight Appraisals.

Johnson commented that the Chapter's monthly meeting will continue at the Pier 29 Restaurant, at the foot of the Park Street Bridge. The intent is to provide a central location for all its' northern Alameda County members.

"My job," said Johnson, "will be to increase membership and provide educational opportunities. I expect this presidency to be challenging and exciting. As with any organization, good members are what make a president shine."

Although Women's Council of Realtors began as a women's organization men are invited to attend meetings and encouraged to join. In spite of the fact that traditionally women have been chapter presidents, Johnson is not the first male to hold the office. Bill Aboumrad of Re/Max East Bay Group was a local chapter president and went on to become California State president in the '90s.

"I'll admit I was surprised when I was nominated for the office of president," said Johnson, "but at the same time I felt honored to be called."

The East Bay Chapter has contributed to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, the Cancer Fund and paid for the 'Henne Penne' exhibit at the Oakland Children's Fairyland.

The chapter is affiliated with National Women's Council of Realtors, a professional development organization of over 14,000 members For more information on local meetings contact George Johnson at 887 786.1866. To learn more about WCR visit their Web site at www.wcr.org.

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Is it t ime to take a second look at community property with survivorship?

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If you're married and own property, you can take advantage of a new law that can save you money in a time of need.

The Community Property with Right of Survivorship law, which took effect July 1, is a new form of a holding title, redefining the process of real and personal property acquisition by a surviving spouse upon the other's death. This latest holding title is an agreeable blend of Community Property and Joint Tenancy with Right of Survivorship laws, combining the advantages of both.

If you currently own real or personal property and hold title as Community Property or Joint Tenancy with Right of Survivorship, you can now transfer your holding title over to this new form. This transfer, however, will not create a change in ownership of the property and a Preliminary Change form in Ownership Report must be filed.

Choosing or changing your form of holding title is a large decision to make, hence, it is always recommended that you consult a legal or tax professional. But it is safe to say that most couples will benefit greatly from this new ownership option.

What are the benefits? If married couples change their holding title to Community Property with Right of Survivorship, they are reaping the tax benefits of community property law through double the stepped-up basis that you would receive from a Joint Tenancy with Right of Survivorship title.

Now what does that mean? "Stepped-up basis" is a procedure where the investment in the property is calculated against the value to determine what you owe in capital gain taxes when selling the property. So this new law reduces capital gain taxes when the surviving spouse actually sells the property, and by TWICE the normal reduction you would receive from the sale of property that was acquired through joint tenancy.

As the surviving spouse of property under this new holding title, you still get the basis of the property adjusted on both halves as of the date of death, transferring the deceased spouse's interest by recording an affidavit of spouse.

This law still permits the termination of the holding title prior to either spouse's death as well, and in the same fashion joint tenancy would be voided. What are the disadvantages? The only obvious disadvantage of changing your holding title to Community Property with Right of Survivorship as compared to Joint Tenancy with Right of Survivorship is that you can expect at least one court hearing to actually transfer the property over and extended probate or trust administration may be required.

How much money could one save? Let's assume Dave and Nancy are happily married and bought a home at the beginning of their lives together for $100,000. Now that they are retired, they have paid off their home entirely. The value of their home has increased with the years to $500,000. With the initial investment in the property being $100,000, that amount also becomes their taxable basis. Thus, if they sell the home, they are taxed on the gain measured by whatever amount they bring in excess of $100,000.

Now, suppose Dave passes

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The fire is so delightful

■ More people are spending time near the hearth this winter

BY MICHELE DERUS
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Simpler pleasures prevail on the home front these days, with chimney sweeps and firewood vendors reporting an autumn surge in demand.

Homeowners turning toward creature comforts and self-sufficiency since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks seem to underlie the boom, industry officials say.

"We've been using our fireplace more than normal, even though it's not that cold," said Karl Schindler of New Berlin, Wis. "We're staying home more often, spending more time around the fireplace with the kids, playing games.

"Sept. 11 really showed the importance of being with family," he said. That sentiment drew Wau- watosa, Wis., chimney sweep Howard Rowell from a seven-year retirement. In short order, he's lost 16 pounds, thanks to five climb-to-the-rooftop cleanings a day, pretty much every day since mid-September.

"Not as grueling work as a marathon, but on windy days, it seems close," Rowell said.

"We've been totally inundated with calls for cleanings in the past two and a half months," said Rowell, 44, president of Royal Chimney Service Inc.

"After Sept. 11, an awful lot of people decided it would be a good idea to start using their fireplaces," he said. "I think they're finding comfort in it — not unlike the junk food phase that's been reported."

Rowell sees this shift to hearth and home as "a conscious decision to step off of life's treadmill for a few hours, to relax, reflect and share thoughts with each other."

Firewood has been selling briskly at Wagner's Garden Mart in Glendale, Wis., owner Cathy Wagner said.

"We're already on our fifth semi delivery. Things are very brisk," Wagner said. "I think it reflects a real effort by people to make things cozy and comfortable at home."

Not everyone ordering wood or a flue cleaning alludes to the terrorist attacks that have dramatically altered American behavior this fall, of course.

"People don't really give any reason. But I'd say about 50 percent do mention they haven't used their fireplace in years," said Curt Teuteberg, sole proprietor of The Handy Sweep in Waukesha, Wis. "So there is a change going on."

Abby Scott, who purchased Milwaukee home earlier this year through Ezekiel Community Development Corp., said her fireplace operates as a mellowing agent after a long, hard day as a finance manager.

"There's just nothing like having it on, getting the warmth, even just looking at it. It's so soothing, almost like water," she mused.

David E. Haug, owner of Wisconsin Firewood Co., figures most customers gravitate to the aesthetics of a fireplace, rather than the economics.

"Usually 99 percent of the wood I sell is just to look at and enjoy. But last year, when gas prices almost doubled, more people started using wood as an alternative heat source," Haug said.

He expected firewood sales to decline this year; instead, they shot up.

"Maybe it's because more people are staying home, entertaining themselves with the comfort of a fire," he said.

That's how Steve and Laura Nigh's family in Wauwatosa spend many leisure hours during cold-weather months. But for them, it's not a post-Sept. 11 effect.

"It's a family tradition," Laura Nigh said.

"Each fall, we bring out the board games and play in front of the living room fire. It's the coziness and the warmth both that I like. In fact, we used to have a TV in our den, but we moved it in here because we were spending so much time trying to watch TV and the fire."

Their three children — Drew, 9, Alec, 7, and Aubrey, 5 — tend to determine the game.

"This year, the kids are into Harry Potter, so we're playing the Trivial Pursuit version of that," their mom said.

"There's tile outside the fireplace, and the kids will sit on the tile, just to warm up."

For many others, however, nestling around the family fireplace is a new-found comfort.

"Our sales have gone through the roof," at Chimney Doctors, which sells chimney parts and services, said marketing manager Dawn Kelley.

"We thought the millennium scare would be our biggest year, but it's now," Kelley said.

Some households are simply more conscious of the need for annual chimney inspections, Kelley thinks.

"But people also are talking about having a lot more family get-togethers this season, because of what's going on in the world. There's more home gatherings, more families spending time together," she said.

Anecdotes from harried chimney sweeps suggest that lounging in front of a fireplace or wood-burning stove is the latest national trend, said Greg Williams, executive director of the Chimney Safety Institute of America in Indianapolis.

"It makes sense. Travel is down, board games are hot, people in an uncertain economy want to be more self-reliant," he said.

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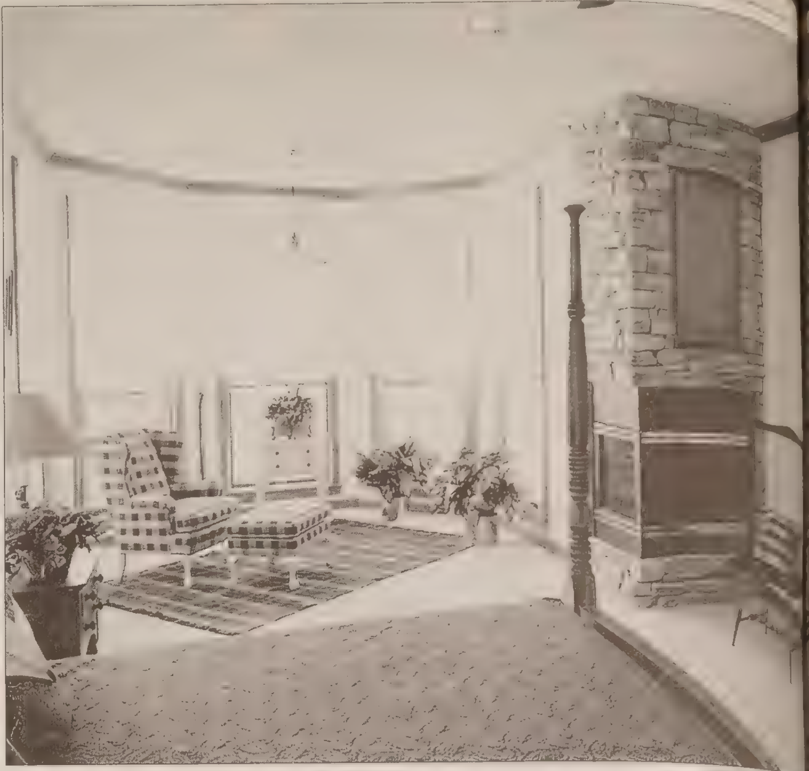

Window bay

IMAGINE HAVING COFFEE and reading the Sunday morning paper in this sunlit window bay. An octagonal bay adds charm and interest to an otherwise rectangular master bedroom. This bay was part of a new home, but could easily be added to an existing one. A two-sided direct-vent gas fireplace can be enjoyed from the bed or from the sitting bay. Two layers of drywall have been added to the ceiling to give a coffered effect, without the expense of framing a full-dropped ceiling

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Information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

Looking back

The real estate market. It's like the weather. We know it's cyclical. Sometimes it's good and sometimes it's bad. We can try to predict or project. We can use statistics and look at the past.

But, just like the weather, sometimes we are surprised. Here in the Bay area we saw rapid changes in the market quarter to quarter. The year began with many homes going on the market to take advantage of the high prices.

By March the industry went from the low inventory experience of 2000 to a plentiful supply. Homes did not sell as rapidly and price reductions were back on the scene.

The dot-coms lost their dot, the stock market bounced up and down and high end home sales stalled. There were those in the industry who felt that the increases in prices in 2000 were not realistic.

What goes up must come down, so the fourth quarter of 2001 saw housing prices stabilize. The good news is that interest rates are still low.

Looking ahead

As this column prints and the year 2001 ends, I offer to you some comments and forecasts from our 2002 real estate organization presidents and others in the know.

The NAR

This from the National Association of Realtors, "After setting the second best year on record for existing-home sales in 2001, the housing market is expected to essentially match sales next year. The weakest performance is expected around the end of this year. However, given the strong fundamentals of the housing market, low interest rates and healthy demand, expect existing-home sales to turnaround by Spring and rise gradually for the rest of the year."

From the Island City

2002 Alameda Association of Realtors President, Hadi Monsef of Mason Management commented. "Alameda is a unique blend of new homes and the historic Victorians. There is something there for everyone. Homes sales are holding steady due to low rates and continued demand.

Sales make be slow in the early part of the year, but after the first quarter I see the same quantity of sales, if not an increase. Technology business in Alameda has remained stable and the employment outlook is good. Favorable interest rates continue to make home ownership very attractive."

No predictions from ARPB prez

Associated Real Property Brokers President Emma Becton, of EB Realty prefers not to predict. She does wish for a prosperous year for all and that the issues surrounding affordable housing are addressed with positive results.

Berkely sees...

Berkeley Association of Realtors President, Miriam Ng of Korman & Ng states that in Berkeley there are still plenty of desirable homes available. "The market here remains strong and the demand for homes in Berkeley is still high," declared Ng.

"Although prices on high-end homes have softened, home prices below $500,000 remain stable. Sales are steady and I believe they will remain so. I look for 2002 to be another good year in the real estate market."

And from Oakland...

Evelyn Walker of Coldwell Banker and the Oakland Association of Realtors President commented "to quote Leslie Appleton-Young, the California Association of Realtors chief economist, 'looking ahead, we are facing an uncertain time in the residential real estate market place...'."

Walker went on to state, "in Oakland, some homes are taking longer to sell than they did last year. There is still strong demand in affordable and entry-level housing and selling prices remain relatively strong.

"We expect continued stability and strength in the Oakland market in 2002."

From the WCR

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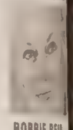
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Why are mortgage rates so high?

KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Madness

ell, Uncle Alan Greenspan cut s again. The Fed Funds Rate stands at a 40- year low at 1.75 ent. Often called the overnight the Fed Funds rate is the in- rate that the banks and the ury Department charge for short-term loans.

s in the tenth short rate cut last h for the year, the current short rate cut sparked an immedi- pike in the long term 10-year d yield, which was hanging nd 4.60 percent in mid-No- ber and has skyrocketed to t 5.25 percent today.

he suspension of the sale of 30 bonds (new ones) by the Trea- Department has further com- ted lenders ability to set long mortgage rates. The 30-year d yield has always been a hmark in setting 30 year amor- mortgage rates.

he short-term rate cut had an ediate impact on the Prime ing Rate, further reducing that from 9.25 percent last Janu- 4.75 percent today. The Prime Lending Rate is typically what banking institutions base their rates for home equity lines of credit (HELOC) and auto loans.

But the Treasury bond market is not the only gauge impacting mortgage rates. The War on Terrorism isn't exactly cheap and as available money tightens up, long-term rates increase. Also, we need to remember that mortgage-backed securities are a commodity and as such are bought and sold as the market will bear. They are not selling as well as they have in the past 90 days.

We still believe that we should see an easing of mortgage interest rates maybe by the middle of January.

There are still to many economic indicators suggesting that we are not recovering from the current recession, the one they just told us we were in since last March. And, it usually takes two to three weeks to recover from the spike up in long term rates after the short-term rate cut. But as we caution our clients, it is very difficult to catch the low of the market. In order to do so, you must be in position: appraisal completed, your loan package submitted and approved by a lender and all lender conditions satisfied.

You are then in a position to lock your loan at the lowest available rate. But, you can't get started when rates are already at their lowest points because the process is taking up to ten weeks to complete.

Now you may understand why we call it Mortgage Madness.

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adder spills can dampen holiday cheer

BY NICK HARDER
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

you don't think this is the sea- of Injuries in the home, just ck your local hospital emer- cy room. One of the most fre- nt injuries about this time of year lls from ladders. You'll find all s of people who have fallen e putting up (or taking down) ristmas lights.

That's what happened to the nd of a co-worker. Her boyfriend from an aluminum extension lad- A rung "just gave out," she plunging her friend several feet the ground. He suffered a ked kneecap and several lac- ons.

hat she wanted to know after- was why that ladder's rung way. My guess is that the lad- couldn't hold her boyfriend's t. I told her to look at the lad- see if there was a sticker on de that said what type of lad- was. Ladders are classified pe as IA, I, II or III.

Type IA ladder has a capacity 0 pounds. It's meant for extra- -duty use and typically used in industrial construction, building, roofing and general contracting.

A Type I will accommodate 250 pounds. It's rated for heavy-duty use and is often used in general contracting, building, maintenance and dry-walling.

A Type II ladder will hold up to 225 pounds safely. It's rated as a medium-duty use and is often used in light commercial projects, painting, cleaning and light regular use.

Type III is rated to hold up to 200 pounds. This may be the most common ladder used by people around their homes. Trouble is, for heavier people, it may prove to be the most dangerous because it's not rated to hold them.

You should never use a ladder rated to cope with less than you weigh. Also, if you are going to carry tools or a full paint bucket or the like while you're on the ladder, you've got to figure in those weights also.

If you don't, you could be limping for a long time.

Another colleague called me recently and asked what she could do to keep her home warm without running her furnace at all hours. She has a natural gas forced-air furnace. According to her estimates, it was costing her $1 per hour to run her furnace. Even with today's higher natural gas prices I found that a bit much, so I asked a few questions of her.

"How long since you've cleaned or replaced your furnace and air intake filters?"

Long, silent pause.

"Probably too long," she said.

"Dirty filters can make a furnace work a lot harder and cost you a lot more money," I told her.

To replace your furnace filter, remove the furnace front panel and pull out the filter, which should be visible and within easy reach. Push the new filter into place.

To replace your air intake filter, locate the air intake inside the house (it probably will be on a wall somewhere and is much larger than a vent, and will have a grate in front of it). Unscrew the grate, remove the filter and either clean it or replace it depending on the filter type.

All the wise forecasters are predicting a long, cold winter this year. Stay warm and safe.

ealing with soot, dust and smoke stains

BY PETER C. HOTTON
THE BOSTON GLOBE

happens every year. In fact, it ens all year long: Homeown- are plagued by dust that soils walls and soot that comes from here to soil everything else.

he Boston Globe handyman eceived a deluge of questions is dust-and-soot invasion. His ers, and possible cures, some- scored direct hits, others were of the mark.

he handyman's response is all these stains — on walls e baseboards, above outlet witch plates, around attic stair s, anywhere, really — are an na, a mystery.

ot so, said John P. Certuse, an neer whose company special- n diagnosing the cause of s and offering cures. And, for- ely, there are always cures to the stains away.

ertuse is director of engineer- or his company, Industrial Ser- & Engineering Inc. of Attle- Mass. The company does -loss investigation on heat- stems, generally for insurance panies.

ertuse sent the handyman his ee on "Soot Problems in Res- al Structures," then sat down he handyman to turn the tech- explanations into language could be understood by the owner, and the handyman.

ertuse, a mechanical engineer, d to getting a "warm, fuzzy if I get things right. I want to information along, to help peo- lve problems."

e cause for all those stains is mystery, but it is relatively plex, involving dust in the e and soot from heating sys- . The heating systems can be red or oil-fired, and they can oilers for hot water systems and ces for hot air systems.

Non-combustion dust

"People tell me they had a puff-back from their burner," Certuse said. That can happen, but it is not always the cause of a problem.

Sometimes the stains are interior, and not necessarily from the heating system itself.

Dust particles can cling to baseboard heating fins and then can be blown against the wall to form the familiar stain that looks like smoke.

Sometimes this is due to water in the radiators getting far too hot because the aquastat has failed. So, said Certuse, check your boiler's aquastat to make sure it is working well. If it is not, replace it.

Most things involving heating systems are best done by an appliance (furnace, boiler, or burner) serviceman, not by the homeowner.

A cure that the homeowner can do is to keep the fins (copper squares that fit on the heat pipe to boost heat flow) clean with a vacuum, being careful not to bend the fins. Clean fins will move less dust.

For hot air systems, Certuse said, keep the ducts clean. Air movement picks up a lot of dust and can deposit it above the vents.

When dust gets into the furnace and is blown across the heat exchanger, it can carbonize and turn black. Then it gets into the supply ducts. It looks like soot but it is not. Clean the ducts, Certuse said. "I think ducts should be cleaned (professionally) once a year."

All dust previously mentioned is not created by combustion, he said.

When in doubt, he works with a laboratory to distinguish between dust (non-combustion) and soot (combustion).

Looking at soot

Both natural gas and oil produce soot, so we are talking about both, said Certuse. Soot sometimes results from an unadjusted flame, sometimes from lack of air fed to the burner. So, make sure that the flame of your oil or gas burner is adjusted to the fullest efficiency and there is adequate air for the burner.

Sometimes this is done by opening a basement window to allow more air to the burner, or a pipe is strung from outside to the burner. This is not always adequate, said Certuse, who suggested an engineered installation.

So, you have determined that the stains are from soot, but why? It may be direct discharge of soot. The appliance must be airtight to maintain combustion.

Anything that compromises this airtightness can cause soot to discharge where it is not supposed to.

First, check the appliance. It could be a cracked heat exchanger. In that case not only is soot being produced but so are exhaust fumes, which are a hazard to your health and need immediate attention.

Check the cleanout plates of a hot air furnace. Sometimes they are left off, but the work should be done by a serviceman.

What gets into the house will accumulate in a common location such as above baseboards, and on plastic toys, food containers, and other items that attract particles by static electricity.

And when soot gets into the basement it will infiltrate into the living quarters. That seems strange, but it will happen, and no amount of sealing is likely to stop it.

Three possible cures

1. Replace cleanout plates left off or failed.

2. Replace cracked heat exchanger. That usually means a new furnace.

3. Check for gasket failure between cast-iron boiler sections. With such a failure, you can see flames.

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OUTGOING BAR PRESIDENT Steve Yoshimura, left, congratulates incoming president Miriam Ng

Berkeley Realtors toast 100 years

BY BOBBIE REID
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The Berkeley Association of Realtors held their annual Inaugural honoring Miriam Ng, as the new 2002 President. The gala dinner/dance took place at the Claremont Hotel Resort. Festivities began with a networking/cocktail hour, followed by dinner and the awards ceremony.

2001 President Steve Yoshimura of Nakamura Real Estate welcomed new President Miriam Ng of Korman & Ng. Robert Bailey, California Association of Realtors 2002 President administered the oath of office to B.A.R. officers and directors.

Ng's Inaugural Address was "The Value of Involvement". "My goal," said Ng "is to encourage our membership to become more involved, more visible in the community. People of all walks of life need to be involved in their neighborhoods and cities now. Don't wait until there is a crisis, it may be too late."

Ng became a sales associate in 1976. Now a broker, in 1980 she started Korman & Ng with her partner, Michael Korman. She has been a BAR director for the last three years.

Ng is also on the board of directors of three other organizations. Her directorships include the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, Aurora Theatre and the Berkeley Public Library. This past year she received a "Distinguished Women in Berkeley" award.

Each year, B.A.R. presents special awards for outstanding achievement. Awardees include Deborah Ritchey of Ritchey Real Estate & Investment, Effie Yee of Old Republic Title and Jerome Blank of Jerome Blank Realty. Ritchey is the recipient of the Realtor of the Year Award. Yee received recognition as the Affiliate of the Year. Blank was honored, as the first ever recipient of the Realtor of the Centennial award A realtor since 1946, Blank has distinguished himself with the Berkeley, California and National Associations of Realtors

The Berkeley Association of Realtors, founded in 1902 is located in Berkeley, on Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

The 2002 Inaugural ceremony celebrated the 100 year anniversary of this association. For more information of the Berkeley Association of Realtors call 510-848-4288

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Paint dull shelves with bright, Mexican colors

BY PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

The white-laminated particle-board bookshelf was functional. Practical. Definitely cheap. But stylewise, it just screamed, "college dorm room."

A subtle refurbishment just wouldn't do; this required a major redo. Inspiration came in the form of a visit to a store carrying Mexican housewares: Why not paint the whole thing in the bright, cheery colors used in the folk art common to Oaxaca?

The designs are simple and require more patience than artistic talent. (If you're nervous, you can use stencils.) Best of all, it's an inexpensive fix. Small tubes of bright acrylic paint, used for detail work, can cost less than $1 apiece at craft stores. For the base, check out the cans of misblended "mistakes" at paint supply stores.

What you'll need

One wooden bookshelf (particle board is OK)
Sandpaper
Drop cloth or newspaper
Pencil and scratch paper
One large paintbrush
Two to three small paintbrushes, for detail work
One quart paint for base
Six to eight small containers of paint in contrasting colors, preferably acrylic
Stencil set (optional)

What to do

1. Prepare the bookshelf for painting by placing drop cloth underneath and sanding all surfaces. After sanding, wipe clean with a damp cloth or tack cloth to pick up any dust residue.

2. Apply base paint with large paintbrush, using at least two coats, following directions on can. (I used a semi-gloss latex.) Allow to dry overnight before beginning design work.

3. Plan design on a piece of paper, plotting color as well as form. Copying from carved Oaxacan animals and a ceramic Mexican bowl, I sketched simple motifs: white-and-black dancing skeletons and skulls along the bottom, a winding green vine on the sides, and two repeating geometric patterns using dots, squiggles, triangles and boxes on the edges of the shelves in bright shades of green, yellow, red, blue and purple. Tiny red flowers with yellow centers were added to the vine and near the skulls as accents.

4. If you are using a stencil, transfer it to surface. If painting freehand, you can sketch the design lightly on the wood with a pencil.

5. Paint design; it's easiest to use one color at a time, using darker, bolder colors first. Keep a damp cloth handy to quickly wipe away mistakes, but don't worry about everything looking perfect; you're going for a folk-art roughness

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Please read with your children everyday.

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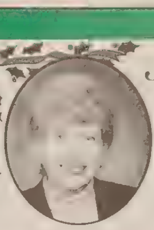

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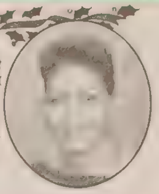

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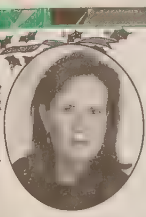

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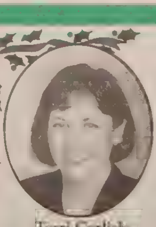

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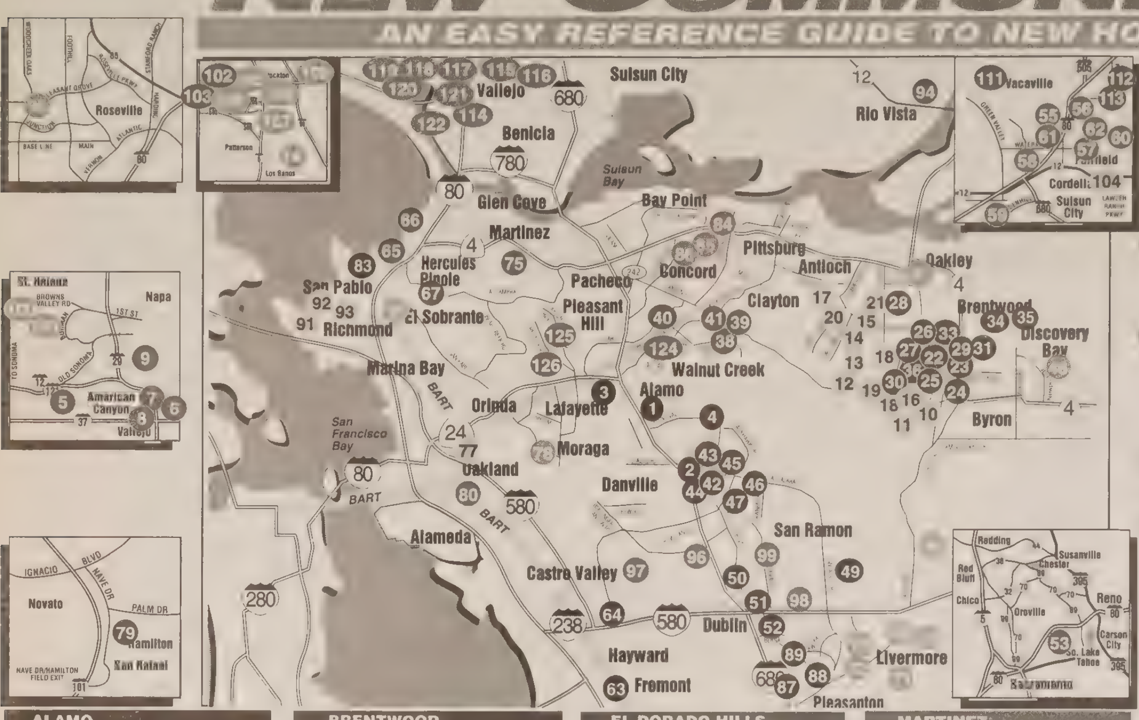

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From the $300,000s. New release! Like a day at the spa life at Azul is a relaxing retreat Invigorating new designs fill these well-located 3 to 5 bedroom 2435 to 3225 sq ft homes (925) 754-7888 or www richlandinfo.com

12 The Hills at Deer Valley
New Release! Dramatic livable Homes from the low $300's 2042 to 2941 sq ft Up to 6 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 bay garages large lots Sales Center Open Daily 10-6 Woodside Homes Hwy 4 Hillcrest to Deer Valley Rd Blue Rock to Galenez 4057 Galenez Way For homesite information, please call (925) 754-1661

13 The Terrace at Deer Valley
NOW OPEN! New flexible floor plans 2916-3952 sq ft from the mid $300's Up to 7 Bedrooms 4 Baths 3 bay garages, large view lots Woodside Homes Hwy 4 Hillcrest to Deer Valley Rd, Blue Rock to Galenez Open Daily 10-6 4105 Galenez For additional information please call (925) 754-6111

14 Huntington Park
Final Phase! From the mid $200,000's. 3-5BR detached homes from 1780-2185 sq ft feature classic craftsman architecture. Lone Tree to Golf Course Open Wed-Fri 10-5, Sat-Sun 11-5 925-754-4888 www richlandinfo com

15 Lone Tree Estates-Gallery Collection
From the mid $300,000's. Allowances Available. 2-story, 2356-3349 sq ft, 3-6BR 2 5-3BA, 3-car gar Ext amenities & options PG&E comfort home HOA Rec Center Lone Tree/Muirwood Davidon Homes Open 10-5 www.HomesByDavidon.com 925-778-3092.

16 Lyon Ridge
From the mid $300,000's. William Lyon Homes Inc presents 4 & 5 BR homes tucked along hillsides w/Mt Diablo views Four floorplans, 2500-3434 sq ft 3 car gar, flex opts. 925-755-0187

17 Mira Vista Ridge
From the low $300's. 5 and 6BR, up to 3600 sq ft with 3-car garages Water and hillside views James Donlan Blvd to Hummingbird Dr (925) 755-3563 www Seenohomes com

18 Meadow Creek Springs
From the low $300,000's. New neighborhood of estate style homes up to 3312 sq.ft, 4-6BR, 3 car garages Near shopping, schools & parks Hillcrest to Lone Tree 925-755-9270 www seenohomes com

18 Provance at Laurel Ridge
From the $300,000's. NOW SELLING Lux single-fam home designs to 3821 sq ft, 6BR 4BA Grt commute loc Hwy 4 E to Lone Tree Way, rt. on Deer Valley, rt. on Prewett Ranch, left on Marigold Open Tues -Sun 10-5, Mon 3-5. (925) 779-3407 www richmondamerican com

19 Terrazza at Laurel Ridge
From the $300,000's. Grand Opening Unit 2! Luxury living at its most affordable! Exciting new single family neighborhood with home designs up to 3410 sq ft, 7 BDRMS 4 BATHS Great commute location Hwy 4 east exit Lone Tree Way Right to Deer Valley, right to Prewett Ranch, left on Marigold Open Mon 3-5p, Sat-Wed 10-5, closed Thu & Fri. Call (925) 778-5307 www richmondamerican com

20 Tourelle
From the mid $300,000's. New Release! Richland's 4-6BR/ 3-4 car gar., 1, 2 stories, 2715-3935 sq ft., 10,000+ sq ft lots Dramatic entries Lone Tree/Golf Course Rd. Open Wed-Fri 10-5 Sat, Sun 11-5 925-706-8883 or www richlandinfo com

21 Viera Ranch
From the high $200,000's. 1-2 stories 3-6 bdrms, 2-3 baths, Great lot sizes too! (925)978-2800 X-Streets, Hillcrest & Wild Horse Way, 4466 Palisades Way

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㉒ Belvedere
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㉓ California Orchard
From the $300,000's. Great location, excel schools! Close to the Delta Choose from 9 floor plans w/3-6BR 2-3BA & 1452-3753 sq ft KB Home 925 240 7703

㉔ Campanello
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㉕ Dry Creek
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㉖ Hearthstone
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BRENTWOOD

㉗ Heritage Grove
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㉘ Homecoming III
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㉙ Lyon Rhapsody
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㉚ Meridian Pointe
From the high $300,000's. Beautifully designed craftsman-styled homes located off Fairview & Minnesota by Kiper Homes 2292-3827 sq ft, 4-6 BR and variety of flex space options From Livermore take Vasco north to Balfour, turn left and go to Fairview right at empress to sales office For more information, call 925-240-1900

㉛ Parkview at Garin Ranch
From high $200,000's. A collection of 6 home designs from 3 to 5BR in a master-planned setting Open 10-5 Tues-Sun, 1-5 Mon Signature Properties 925-240-1585 www.sigprop com

㉝ Pinehurst at Shadow Lakes
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㊱ Traditions by Ryder Homes
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CONCORD

㊳ Claremont Estates at Crystyl Ranch
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㊵ Marietta Court
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㊶ The Pointe at Crystyl Ranch
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DANVILLE

㊷ Autumn Creek West
From the low $800,000's. "Dusty Shoe" Preview Ten luxury estate homes Close-in creekside location 4-5 BR 2 5-4 5 BA, 2820 to 3930 sq ft At the end of Messian Place off Camino Tassajara Rd For information call Lenox Homes at 925-264-0415 Broker coop

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From $1,895,000. One magnificent custom home set on priv lane Almost 600 acres with exquisite views 680/Diablo Rd E to Blackhawk Rd, rt. on Magee Ranch Viewing by appt 925-837-8900

㊺ Quail Gardens
Models Open! Located in premiere area of Danville, this new neighborhood will feature its own swim pool and offer spectacular, fully appointed 3 & 4BR homes Two elegant floor plans of 2320 and 2470 sq ft will be available For more information visit us at www castlecompanies com or call 925-648-7958

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(52) Dublin Ranch Golf Course - St. Andrews
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(58) Southbridge
Grand Opening! From the high $100,000's. Models open to Fairfield s best value! Elegant 2 & 3BR townhomes with 4 distinct designs from approx 1,153 to 1,413 sq ft with flexible options Premier location I-80 to Waterman Blvd to Capitola Way Open 10-5 707-399-9180

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(64) Bailey Ranch
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(67) Sycamore Villas
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From low $300,000's. Six home designs
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and I-80 1-2 Stories 1384-2043 sq ft
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(114) Estancia at Hiddenbrooke
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(116) The Heights at Hiddenbrooke
From the low $500,000's.
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(117) Hiddenbrooke
From the $500,000's. The value is
like master-planned community with eight neighborhoods
from Amenities include an 18-hole golf course
and 700 acres of open space

(118) The Knolls at Hiddenbrooke
From the $300,000's. GRAND OPENING
community Nestled in the Hiddenbrooke
Palmer designed Hiddenbrooke Golf Course
community Quaint homes. 3 plans up to 2
bedrooms with dedicated dens and/or lofts
options available Hwy 80 to N. Vallejo
Rd /Hiddenbrooke Pkwy drive south
signs to The Knolls once in the Hiddenbrooke
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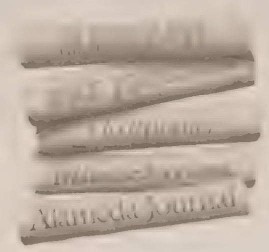

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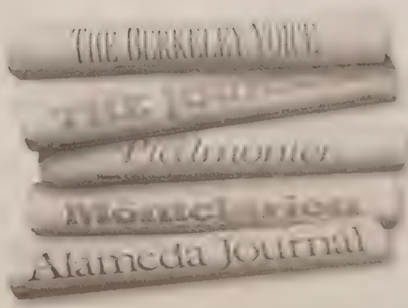

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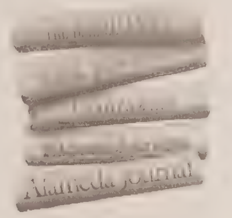

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ANTIOCH: Share 2 stry. hm w/single parent. Children ok $725/mo. 2BD/+BA. Avail. 02/01/01. (925) 778-8995

CASTRO Valley: Lg. hm. pool/views. Male pref. $475 Nonsmkg. 510-537-7120

CONCORD/Clayton Lg. rm./ba. Beaut. Hm. nonsmk. no pet $650 (925) 673-3238

CONCORD: Fem. only. Pvt. bath, nonsmoking $600 + share utils. (925) 349-6078

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MONTCLAIR: Woodsy, frplc., deck, jacuzzi tub in bath rm. $1100 inc. util. & HBO. No pets Avail. 1/1. Eves (510) 531-6283.

OAKLAND Piedmont Pines. Dog friendly home seeks dog friendly person to share house. Large 9x26 sunny room avail $750/mo + $750 sec. dep. David, (510) 531-3515

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CONCORD: Unfurn. $480 Incl. utils./kit. Nr. Oak Grove & Treat. (925) 686-2531

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PITTSBURG furn.rm. in nice house in gd. nbrhd. $500 + utils. 925/288-9199

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PLEASANTON 680/580 2bd $475-$525 + dep. Fem pref No pets/smk 925-846-0985

PLEASANTON: Quiet cul-de-sac. Private deck. Free cable $650. (925) 846-2642

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WALNUT CREEK: 1½BD Incl. utils. & lndry Child ok. $585/mo (925) 934-5797

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CONCORD: 3BD, 2121 California St. Near shopping, incls, water, & lndry $1300. mo. Open Sun. 12/23, 1-3. 415-382-8233

CONCORD 4-plex, sm. 2bd frplc./AC/fen., no pets, walk BART. $900 925/685-2542

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OAKLAND: Glenview, lg., sunny upper flat, hardwood flrs., 2BD, din. rm., dinette. No pets. $1000. Avail. 1/1. (925) 254-8095 .

PITTSBURG 3BD/2BA Indoor laundry, garage, yard. $1395 (925) 685-5610

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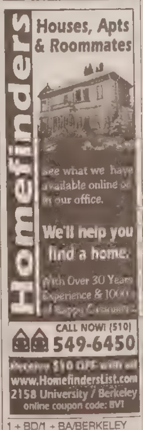

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Clayton Townhouse/Condo

2BD/2BA, 2 Car gar. New cpt., new paint. Oakhurst, 1925 Eagle Peak $1450mo. 925-788-0542

Concord Townhouse/Condo

PLUSH 1bd, pool, new cpt., nice complex, nr. transp. $750. (925) 935-6289

2BD, W/D, carport. Garbage, water incl. $1075, 1st, last. (510) 215-7402

2BD/1½BA, all new AEK, paint, cpt. A/C & pool. $1100. (707) 745-2023

2BD CONDO Close to everything. Pool, clubhouse, Indry. rm. $1200. 825 Oak Grove Rd. #2. 1st & dep. No pets. Ron 925/287-0400

2BD/1½BA, small yard, No sect. 8. No pets $1250/mo. (925) 933-1316

2BD/2BA lower unit, sec. building, pool. avail. $1200 mo. Lease. (925) 798-3805

PLUSH 2 story 2bd Roundtree, new cpt., paint, lino, blinds, patio, cent. heat, & more $1250 925/285-3858

CONCORD/W.C. Border, near BART. Lg. 3bd/1½ba., applis., pool, frplc., A/C, $1500 mo. (831) 649-4214

CONDO Valley Terrace 3bd 2.5BA. Pool. New cpt. No pets. $1500 (650) 365-5075

STUDIO $750/mo. In house Indry./sec. bldg/inside pkng Nonsmkng. (925) 275-9581

Danville Townhouse/Condo

2BD/1½BA near 680/walk dwntwn. Twnhme. end unit, new applics., pool & spa, remod. kit./ba., carport. $1550/mo. 925-838-8658

CLEAN 2BD/2BA, 1 car gar., $1400/mo. RIDGEPORT CO. 925-552-4266

2BD/2½BA Shadowhawk Units (3). These 5 year old homes have new paint & carpets, refrig., W/D, gas frplc, 2 car gar. w/opener. commun pool/spa. No pets (925) 736-6249 - $1750/unfurn. $2500/Fully furn.

GREENBROOK 3bd 2½ba, dbl. pane windows, dbl. gar. Pvt. patio, commun. pool $1800 925/837-0311

SHADOWHAWK 3bd/2½ba no pets, nonsmkng, $1900 + dep. 925/680-7173

3BD/2½BA Greenbrook. 2 car gar., pool. New paint /cpt. Lndry rm. Avail. 1/1/02. $2000/mo. (925) 829-9415

3BD/2½BA A/C, firplc., garb. disp., dshwshr., W/D, 2 decks, 2 car gar., clubhouse w/ heated pool & lighted tennis ct. next to parks & walk trials. East Danville, 1 mi. to fwy. $2250/mo. 925-785-5027

Discovery Bay Townhouse/Condo

3BD/2½BA TWNHSE. Lagoon, deck, frplc, 2 car gar. $1450 mo. 408/350-0177.

Dublin Townhouse/Condo

2BD/2BA + loft, 1 car gar., A/C, W/D, pool, spa, 1285sf $1800 + sec 925/351-6529

2BD/2BA, attached gar., W/D, pool, upper unit $1550. (925) 803-0499

WESTSIDE Dublin 3bd w/ loft 2½ba, 1560sf, frplc., deck, 2 car gar., creekside loc. 11424 Winding Trail Ln. $1895 + $2500 dep. Lease 925/327-1405 lv. msg.

3BD/2½BA: Tri-Level. Near BART. $1750/mo. 1600 sf. No smk/pets 925/556-1767

Hercules Townhouse/Condo

2BD/2BA + loft, 1 car gar., gas applis. W/D, frplc., A/C, commun. pool, no smkng no pets. $1500mo + dep. Avail. 01/15. 510-774-8651

Lafayette Townhouse/Condo

2BD/1½BA, A/C, pool, refrig., W/D, no pet/smking. $1550mo. 925-283-6887

Livermore Townhouse/Condo

2 MASTER Suites, No pets, pool, 1550sf. Gar. $1595 Avail. 12/1 (925) 820-8169

2BD/2BA, gated commun. 1car/gar nr Los Positas college. $1395 925/876-6153

Martinez Townhouse/Condo

2BD/1BA; $200 off 1st mo. gar, commun Indry avail 1/1 $1050/dep (925) 372-7599

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Moraga Townhouse/Condo

LARGE SUNNY 2BD/1BA. New cpt. Hdwd. flrs. Frplc. Pool. $1350. 925-472-0428

4BD/2½BA; total remod beautiful hrdwd flrs., Indry, $2500. 510-430-0997

Oakland Townhouse/Condo

TWO TOWNHOUSES 2bd ofc. spac., view, W/D hookup, cent. courtyard., $1700.

1170sf. hdwd. flr., fresh int., on lighted courtyard, gar. W/D hookup, $1500/mo. 510/535-0944 or 452-3023

2BD/2BA Bright & cheery nr lake. $1600+ $1800 dep. Avail. now. For showing/applic. pls. call 510-658-4426

LOVELY lg 2BD, 2BA near Piedmont, balcony, parking, part furn. $2050/mo.
1/2 Month Free Rent
(510) 832-7808 x901

LAKE MERRITT Lux. 2bd/2ba. With hill/lake views. Health club, pool, 24 hr. sec. $2100 (510) 652-7321

HILLER Townhome with great view! 3+BDRM/3BA AEK, $4750 Call (510) 644-2099 eves. please.

Pleasant Hill Townhouse/Condo

LARGE 1BD w/ den, $1000/mo. + $500 dep. Avail. now. (925) 788-1802

2BD/ 1½ Ba. frplc., nice bkyd., lg. bdrm., sect. 8 ok. $1495 (415) 492-1708

CHARMING 2BD/2BA, nr. BART, creek view. No pets. $1300 mo. (925) 825-1289

NICE 2bd/2ba $1495 dntwn 2 deck, lg. mstr., W/D, A/C frplc. Jim (530) 265-4782

Pleasanton Townhouse/Condo

2BD/1½BA, 1100 sf., large mstr., W/D hookups, refrig., air, $1400. (925) 837-0102

2BD/1BA, refrig., W/D, pool, $1350. Pet nego. (off Foothill Blvd.) 925-570-4630.

2BD/1BA, 2 flr., A/C, pool, playground, 1 car gar. $1350. 925-837-3094

2BD/2BA, garage, Indoor Indry., frplc. Near park, Pets ok. $1500/mo. Avail. now (925) 243-1483

2BD/2BA Townhouse. In Danbury Park. $1595/mo. Call 925-736-5386 aft 7 pm

San Pablo Townhouse/Condo

CAMPO VERDE 2BD/2½BA secure. Dbl. car gar. $1300 No pets. (510) 669-2700

San Ramon Townhouse/Condo

$1200 MONTH: 2BD/1BA, lg. storage, gated, pools, patio, fwy. access. Avail. 1/2/02. (510) 582-7727

3BD/2½BA + office, two car garage, all appliances. $2300/ mo. (925)934-5498

3BD/2½BA Immac. 2400sf. Upscale gated commun., dbl. gar. Refrig. W/D, no pets, $2200 925/736-7702

Walnut Creek Townhouse/Condo

1BD More For You! Cozy, clean, patio, nonsmk./pets. $1095. Call 925/939-1059

1BD/1BA lg., grt. loc., quiet $1000 + dep. Cov. pkng. 1802 Cole. (925) 240-7493

1BD/1BA Upper unit, close to BART/frwy., quiet complex., $1000. 707/554-3461

GREAT 1bd, 12' ceil./lots of light. Sm. pets nego. $1200 Avail 1/01. 925/947-1589

2BD/1½ba, grt loc., remod. thru-out. Walk to dwntwn, park, Iron Horse Trail. Avail now. $1400 (510) 773-7166

SHARP 2BD/1½BA Complt. remod. New applis. Walk to BART. $1500 925/432-8386

2BD/1BA near P.H. BART, avail. 1/5, new cpt., paint, W/D, quiet complex 1592 #25 Sunnyvale Ave. $1250. No pets. (925) 932-3059 .

2BD/1¼BA, top cor., grt. loc., nr. BART, 1600 Carmel. $1525. (925) 376-1640

2BD/1½BA Modern, gar., garden, Walk to BART. Very Nice. $1600. 925-939-5775

2BD/2BA, nr. dwntwn., refrig., pool, pristine cond. $1600. (925) 944-1737

2BD/2½BA near PH BART. No pets, nonsmkg $1600 + dep. (925) 680-7173

BANCROFT Village 2BD/2BA, nonsmkg. No pets. (510) 773-6312.

3BD/2½BA, 2,000sf, W/D, refrig., great location. **walk to BART & dwntwn.** $1700. 925/939-2454

Walnut Creek Townhouse/Condo

3BD/2½BA Countrywood 2 car gar. New cpts. Pets negot. $2000 925/277-3942

4BD/2½BA, Living/fam/din Pool/gardner. A/C, W/D, refrig. No pet, non smkng, $2300 lease. 925/676-1606

4BD/2.5BA, 2400 sf, 2 car gar., nr. stores/fwy./BART, $2300. (925) 683-1144 .

Alameda Home Rentals

2BD/1BA, LAGOON, $2100. Frplc., library, gourmet kit., 6'x30' deck over water. Quiet, Japanese garden, tranquil , nonsmkng no pets. Agent. 510-522-9100.

3BD/1BA, hardwood flrs, W/D included, garage, long driveway, $1900 and $2100. 510-521-9932

3BD/2BA Nr. South Shore Center, incls. W/D, refrig. No pets, $2000/mo. (510) 523-7203 eves. after 8:30

Alamo Home Rentals

1 + ACRE + VIEWS
2bd+den, country cottage $1800. Agt. 925/820-8999

2BD+DEN/2BA $3000 incls gardener & pool service 2 frplcs. Pvt. exec. style, Avail. Jan 12, 925/487-8460

ALAMO: 3BD/2BA, Victorian, secluded, remod., gated. $2495. 925-935-1275

4BD/3BA, pvt., views, yd., no gar., close to shops & fwy. $2000. 925-820-2405

Antioch Home Rentals

3BD/1½BA, good area, near schools $1295 + $1500 dep. (530) 235-0225

3BD/2BA Lg. hm. $1500+ $1500 dep. Incl. grdnr. No sect. 8. Roy (925) 776-7683

3BD/2½BA Exec./3 car/Hillcrest Lux. 2 story, Immac., no pet $1525 925/939/2795

LARGE 4BD/3BA Fam. rm. frplc. No sect. 8, $1650 4440 Bell Dr. 707/427-2412

Benicia Home Rentals

BEAUTIFUL Westside Victorian, spac. 3BD/2BA, yd., $1550. (510) 525-4880

Brentwood Home Rentals

2BD/1BA, 1 ac., horse OK, No sect 8, non smkng., $1400. (925) 439-5007

SUMMERSET 2bd/2ba, w/d gar., nr. golf course $1200 55 or older. (408) 946-5974

RENT TO OWN! Two New Homes 3BD/2BA + loft. $1700/mo. (925) 383-4118

3BD/2½BA + loft, pool & spa. Avail. 2/1/02. $2000. 3 yrs. old, like new! Month to month OK. (925) 513-7987

3BD + loft, 3BA, 1 yr. new model unit, 6 mos. or 12 mos. lease + security. Pets nego. No Sect., 8. $2100 mo. (925) 936-8386.

4BD/2½BA $1695 + dep. New, gardener. No sec. 8, no cats. (510) 739-1394

4-5BD New hm. 2 Oblique 3 baths. Call Dr. Bhandari 510-659-0412 or 607-7890

NEW EXEC. HOMES w/golf course view. 5BD/4BA $3500 & 4BD/3BA $2500. Some utils. pd. No Sect. 8. Owner, 1-800-656-4278

Castro Valley Home Rentals

3BD/LOFT 2½BA. 3 car. 2600 sf. A/C, commun pool $2500 + dep 510/582-6212

Concord Home Rentals

GORGEOUS 2650 sf. 4bd 2½ba + Bonus Rm., 3 car w/Spa, Pool Access, Tennis Cts. 4403 Prairie Willow Ct., $2100/mo. Call For Appt. 925-743-8550 Avail. 2/15

FABULOUSLY upgraded 3bd, lg. yd., gar., A/C $1395/mo. (925) 938-7368

3BD, A/C, lg. yd., pool, gar., near BART. $1650 + . Avail. 1/1. (925) 934-1268 .

3BD/1BA Remod. Cntrl air. Frplc. Cred. No pets/sect. 8 $1550 + dep 925/280-1430

3BD/2BA, 10 yr. old, super loc. W.C. border, culdesac avail. 1/1, 2848 St. Joseph $1850. Agt. 925/932-6414

CROSSINGS: 3BD/2BA, Immac., $1800 + dep. no pets /sec 8, A/C. 925-938-9328

4BD/1½ba, new paint/cpt./ hdwd, den, frplc., nr. schls. $1695. Agt. 925/736-7940.

CROSSINGS, 4BD/2BA great house/nrbhrd., with pools, tennis, playgrounds, A/C, frplc., excel. schools. $1975 mo. (925) 368-8148

4BD/2BA Liv./fam. rm. 2 car garage. $20K+ upgrades. $2100. Ed (510) 471-1438

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Danville Home Rentals

SYCAMORE, sharp 2BD/2BA 1-story, dbl. gar., 1600 sf., $2200. 925/837-8858

3BD/2½BA: 2000 sf, cul-de-sac, tennis & swimming $2150. (510) 579-3895

3BD/2½BA: 2000 sf, cul-de-sac, tennis & swimming $2150. (510) 579-3895

3BD/2BA, lrg., W/W cpt., no pets/no smkng. $2100/mo + dep. 925-932-8527

SHORT TERM OK
4BD/3BA, 1bd down, nr. Blackhawk $2800. Agt. 925/820-8999

Discovery Bay Home Rentals

3BD/2½BA Custom on deep water. Boat lift, close to Marina. $2400 + dep. 209-327-9019

Dublin Home Rentals

3BD/2BA Family room, fireplace, $1650. Avail. 2/1. (925) 830-0921

3BD/2BA Sparkles!! frplc., lrg. lot, nr schls., $1695 mo + dep 925-855-0515

CHARMING 3BD/2BA, 2 living areas, nr. schools & park. Grdnr. incld. $1900 (925) 837-2330

EXCLUSIVE: Dublin hills hm. Great loc. 3BD/2BA, backs to park. $2495/mo. DISCOUNT. 925/997-2508

5BD/3½BA/Bonus rm., fam. rm./kit. combo, formal liv. & din. rm., 2 frpics., 3 car gar., grt. bkyd. backs up to Hill. $3200. 925/961-9400 A&R Property Mgmt.

El Cerrito Home Rentals

2BD/1BA separate office, Indscp., frplc. hrdwd., $2K. Near BART. Near Solano Ave. (510) 528-7091

3BD+/2BA: $2100 + Dep. View, gar. patio, nr. BART. No Sec. 8. 510/655-9939

4BD/2½BA. El Cerrito Hills. 2 car, beaut. Indscp. View Excel cond. (510) 222-1043

El Sobrante Home Rentals

4BD/3BA Tri-level lux. hm. AEK, yd., frplc., W/D, 2 car gar. $2100+ sec. dep. No sect. 8 (510) 758-6723

Hercules Home Rentals

4BD/3BA. 2 car gar., new tiled roof/carpet/tiles, near schls. $2000 510-223-6035

Lafayette Home Rentals

SPACIOUS 3BD/2BA, furn. or unfurn., applis., fen'd. $2200. (925) 258-0237.

3BD/2BA fam rm, 2 car gar, gardnr, AC, no pets $2150 925/934-3954, 937-9415

3BD/2BA fam rm, 2 car gar, gardnr, AC, no pets $2150 925/934-3954 937-9415

Livermore Home Rentals

$1225 1bd w/ofc. Basement. E. Ave duplex. $1125 2BD. both Indry hook-ups. New cpts. Applis. No pets. 925-447-8525 or 447-4108

GORGEOUS REMODELED **3BD/1BA. $1550. All utils. Incl.** Hdwd. flrs., frplc., Indry., stor. (925) 454-9897

3BD/2BA Springtown. New paint/cpt. Fam rm. Din. rm. No pets, nonsmkg, gardener, $1650. (925) 828-3844

LOVELY, spacious Southside 3BD/2BA. Garage, newer lg kitchen, hardwood flr., conv. loc. $1795/mo. Avail. Feb. 925-980-8114

3BD/2BA, 2 car gar., nonsmkng., no pets, beaut. $1650. (925) 371-1465

NEW 3BD + loft, 2½BA, 2 car gar., immac. $1950. Agt. Rick, (925) 275-6363 .

3BD/2BA 4 year old home. Gardner. No pets. Nonsmk. 6219 Augusta Way. $1850. (925) 454-0488

3BD/2.5BA. Brand new. 1780 sf. 2 car gar., $1700 No pets, nonsmkng. Incl. gardner (925) 456-7973

3BD & 4BD Quiet Court
Hdwd. flrs., clean, nr. schls. **$1650. 925/447-2602**

NEWLY remod. 3BD, excel. nbrhd., no Sec. 8, $1350, 1st/ last. (925) 245-9827

4BD/2BA: $1695. lg. yd. New cpts/drapes, applis. Cntrl. A/C. Nonsmk/No pet. 408-739-0356, 993-3151

NEW home, 4bd/3ba, 3 car, avail. now $2500/mo. Agt. Chuck 510/795-8308

Martinez Home Rentals

2BD/1BA, lg loft, car port, stor & lg. yd. $1300 ref. & dep. (925) 933-3558

Martinez Home Rentals

Martinez 3bd/1ba sunny, 1 car gar., frplc. $1600 + dep pets ok. 2/01. 925/335/9880

Moraga Home Rentals

3BD/2BA Near Campo High. Hdwd. flrs. Flat yd. $2300 (925) 377-7624

3BD/2BA, nr. Campo. High. Hdwd., 2 frplcs., 3 car gar., gardener. Avail. 1/1. $3100. 925/299-0920 or 376-5597.

1st Month Rent Free
5BD/3BA Colonial, remod. 2 frplc., new applis. Park-like bkyd-pool/pond/gazebo Next to Lafayette resevoir. Grdnr $3200. 925/284-9619

Oakland Home Rentals

2BD/1BA: Nice yard, quiet, new cpt., no dogs. $1395 + $1K dep. 925/876-9923

2BD+/1BA Frplc., hdwd. flrs., yd., garage. $1400 + dep. (510) 636-0406

2BD/1BA, $1600. Near Piedmont Ave./ BART. Gas stove, hrdwds, frplc., fenced yd. 510-428-1959.

MONTCLAIR 2BD/2BA
Redwood beams, maple floors, sun room, lg. decks, beaut. setting, close to fwy & village, pets negotiable. * Bonus $1K toward moving expenses * Avail. 1/1. $1950/mo. (925) 256-6325

3BD/1½BA, liv. rm., form. din. rm., kit. w/breakfast nook, frplc., beaut. Indscp. front & back, fruit trees, patio, gar., very nice neighborhood, nr. Temple, no dogs $2000 (510) 530-4884

OAKLAND Hills, 3BR/2½BA Tri-level, Bay views, $2500/mo. (408) 543-2327

3BD/2BA. DELUXE HOME Piedmont side of Montclair. Immac. Conv. Frplc. Hdwd. flrs. $2750. (510) 482-1447

Oakley Home Rentals

2BD Cottage, W/D hookup, No pets/Sec 8. Cred. ck. $895/mo. 925-757-7956

Orinda Home Rentals

26 MARSTON 3 BD/3 BA
VIEWS, VIEWS, VIEWS
Pool, over 3000 sq. ft.
BAY WIDE PROPERTIES
925-743-8550

4BD/2½BA single lvl., yard, A/C, view, gardener. $2600. NO pets. Call 925/253-1515

4BD/4BA/ofc. 3300 sf. Remod. Pvt. $2800. 3BD/2BA + loft. Remod. Light $2100 No pets. (925) 254-0667

Piedmont Home Rentals

3BD/2BA. 901 Kingston. Hdwds., fenced yd., applis. 2 car gar., new paint & lino. $2895. (510) 465-9718.

Pinole Home Rentals

TARA HILLS. Beautiful, new & modern 3BD/2BA. With family room, frplc., view & courtyard, lots of privacy and lots of extras!! $1650 (510) 758-5133.

Pittsburg Home Rentals

3BD/2BA remodeled home, small yard. $1700/mo + $1700 dep. (925) 757-8636

Pleasant Hill Home Rentals

REMODELED 3bd/2ba, frplc., cent. heat/air, 2 car gar. $1800 (925) 254-2678

4BD/2BA Very nice exec. home. Pvt. lane w/grt. view. Open, bright w/vaulted ceiling frplc., deck w/spa, gardner, No pets/smkng. W/D hookups refrig. Water included $2395+ dep. Avail. 01/02. 707-746-1233

Pleasanton Home Rentals

2BD/2½BA 2 car, AC, grdnr incl. Excel. cond. Grt. nbrhd $1495/mo. (925) 462-4313

BEAUTIFUL, spac. remod., 3bd/2ba, nr. schls. & bus. park. Nonsmkng. $1750. Avail. Jan 1. (925) 362-4547

3BD/2BA Form. din./liv./fam room. 2 car gar., AC, avail. now!! $1700. 925-846-3142

3BD/2BA, beaut. 2-story hse., great rm. w/frplc., 2-Car, A/C, clean, $1850 mo. 1 yr. lease. 650-740-9717 photos.yahoo.com/lone358

4BD, 3 yrs. old, nr. dwntwn, gardener inc $2395 Brkr. Harry (925) 901-1609

4BD/3 full ba, pool, $2500 mo., garden/pool incl., last & dep. (925) 461-1524 .

Richmond Home Rentals

NEWLY remod. 2bd/1ba. gar., lg. yd. No sect. 8 $1300. (510) 526-7474 .

Richmond Home Rentals

4BD/2½BA 2-car gar., yd., nr. BART, $1800 + dep. No Sect. 8. 510/502-9259.

Rodeo Home Rentals

2BD/1BA Remodeled. Large yd. Grt. loc. Avail 2/1 $1250 925/838-9414

2BD/1BA Remodeled. Large yd. Grt. loc. Avail 2/1 $1250 925/838-9414

5BD/2½BA Bay Views. $2K mo. + dep. no pet/smkng 925-628-0116 ;709-1975

San Ramon Home Rentals

3BD/2BA: Frplc., commun. pool/tennis/view/no pet, nosmk $1895 510/523/6899

3BD/2BA, entire remodel, granite, tile. Grt. schls., lg. yd., $1950. (925) 833-1487

3BD/2BA, 2 car gar.,new cpt., hdwd flrs., 1 story, nr. schls. $1750. 925/408-0599

3BD/2BA, A/C, Indry, new carpt, nonsmkg 2-car gar. $1690.(925) 932-8382 .

3BD/2BA: 2 car gar., low maint., Senior commun. (55+) $1600 925/961-9400 A&R Property Mgmt.

4BD/2BA, commun. pool, grdnr, AC, Indry. Nonsmk. $2000. (925) 283-8696.

4BD/2BA 2 car garage. A/C, No pets. $1950+ deposit. Avail. 1/5. (925) 552-6599

4BD/2BA, pvt. hm., never rented, cul-de-sac, new cpts. $2200 925-634-9890

4BD/2BA: Newly remod. Paint/cpt. No pets. Gardener. $2300. (925) 216-1517

ONE FREE MONTH RENT
4BD/2½BA Twin Creeks
Free Recorded Message
888-454-0482 ext-90162

4BD/3BA Lg. Hm. 3 gar., nr. Golf. Super cond., $2400 925/648/6500 ext. 224 Lee

5BD/3BA newer exec home Excel. cond. frplc. Indry. A/C. $2850. 925-963-0243

Sunol Home Rentals

2BD/1BA cmpltly. remod. $1850; 1bd studio $850. Great school, excel. nbrhd. Private, Kilkare woods, pool. (925) 862-0135

Vallejo Home Rentals

1BD/1BA Large home, yard, new carpet. Credit ck. $900 + dep.707/645-1727

4BD/2½BA Tri-level, grt. loc., lg. yd., $1900 + dep. Avail. 1/15. (707) 315-7620

Walnut Creek Home Rentals

2BD/1BA $1525. Avail. 2/1. No pets. (925) 684-9612 or (925) 943-6182

3BD/2BA Northgate schls. A/C, frplc, applis. $1900 lease/dep. 800/687-7398

A Spotless one! 3BD/2BA, no pets, 2 car gar, firplc. $1900. 925-254-0509

TOP SCHOOLS 3BD/2BA, 2 car garage, cent A/C $1980 Agt. Andre (925) 980-4622

LAKEWOOD 3BD/2BA, W/D refrig., pool serv., Gardener $2300. (408) 356-2026

Vacation Rentals

CABO lux 1bd slp. 4, beach Pools/tennis/gym. 12/30-1/3 $200/night. (323) 656-0784

HEAVENLY: sleeps 12, Close to Casinos Call Gary, 775-586-8994

LAKE ALMANOR CABIN, winter retreat $600/wk, sleeps 6, (530) 254-6199

LAKE TAHOE 1bd condo, avail. 12/28-1/1, nr. casino/ ski area (925) 934-7832

LAKE TAHOE So. condo, immac., forest edge, 4 mi. Heavenly. (925) 945-6186

LAKE TAHOE SO. Dlx. cabin, nr. all, slps. 8, TV, W/D, reas. rates (510) 223-5288

NORTH TAHOE 4BD Cabin, near Northstar. Avail. 12/28 to 1/2. (925) 938-2595 .

SOUTH Lake Tahoe, Condo on lake sleeps 6, avail. 1/11/02. Call 925-682-1753

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE. Avail. Ski Season. Ski Heveniy! 3BD/2BA. (925) 356-2734

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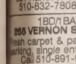

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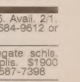

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changing tbl., maple, $100; baby stuff. (925) 314-9598

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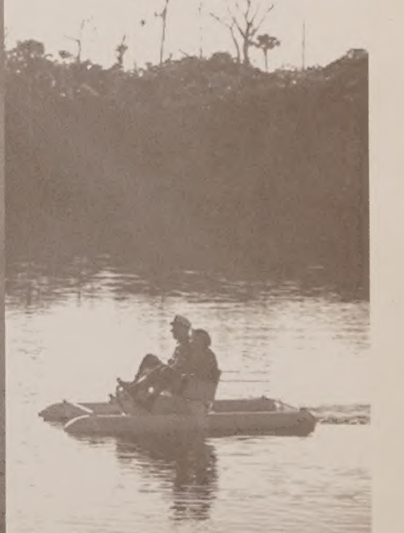

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Gutter installation errors can leave you dripping

Q I live in a new housing development and in a recent storm with severe winds, some of the roof gutters were torn off of several of the houses. It was discovered that the gutters were not properly fastened to the roof eaves by the original installer. I had a gutter installer check the installation, and he noted that several of the gutters were not adequately nailed to the rafter tails.

My neighbors and I feel that the builder is responsible for the damage, and that he should correct this deficiency. Shouldn't this have been picked up by the municipal inspector before the house was signed off? What are the codes for installing gutters?

— R.W., Clayton

A Gutters are an important part of controlling roof drainage, and assist in diverting the collected water away from the foundation of a house. Unfortunately, there are no specific building codes relating to residential roof gutters, therefore, they are not specifically required as a minimum code standard. However, gutters are a valuable asset to the overall life and performance of a house. Once installed, they should be able to perform their intended function, and meet acceptable standards for installation.

Industry standards for gutter installation would include proper flashing to the edge of the roof eave, and adequate nailing or fastening to secure the gutters in place. They should be basically straight and provided with the required pitch for drainage. The body of the gutter must also be rigid enough to support the weight of a ladder and a person leaning against it, to allow for access to the roof and a cleaning of the gutters.

There are two basic types of gutters, ones with a flange that slips under the roofing felt at the edge of the roof eaves, and ones without a flange. The flange on the gutter allows for a water-tight seal between the roof edge and the gutter, and is most common on gutters installed today. Gutters can be fabricated in many different sizes and styles, but the most common sizes are gutters that are 3.5 inches deep and 6 inches deep.

Generally, gutters are fastened to the ends of the rafter tails. The nailing of the gutters can be spaced 24, 28, or 60 inches on center, depending upon the type and depth of the gutter. The gutters can be either faced nailed with a long galvanized spike through the front of the gutter, or nailed with an 8d galvanized nail through the back side of the gutter. Nailing the gutter from the backside is more common today, because the nails are not visible from the face.

If the gutters are nailed from the backside, there must be support brackets installed in the gutter to prevent the front side of the gutter from collapsing when a ladder is leaned against it. These support brackets are commonly installed every four feet.

Based upon the information you provided, the gutter installation in question would not meet industry standards for installation, and would be considered a construction defect. A good builder would recognize this as a problem and have it fixed immediately. However, your builder may not respond in the same way.

Your best course of action when dealing with a builder on construction-related issues is to put your concerns in writing, and accompany them with photographs (if appropriate). State the problem, the circumstances of discovery, and what you expect to be done by the builder. If the builder fails to respond, or fails to take your concerns seriously, you will need to hire the services of an industry professional.

The industry professional could be a licensed contractor that specializes in gutter installation, or a construction consultant that specializes in documenting defects. These professionals can not only provide written documentation, they can also assist you in addressing the repairs by the builder, and ensure that the repairs are made correctly.

Having written documentation from a professional will make it difficult for the builder to say that the complaint is not justified, and will require the builder to respond in some manner. This documentation will also provide a basis for any problems that develop with the gutters in the future.

If obtaining the services of a professional is not necessary, every homeowner experiencing problems with their gutters should photograph any deficiency that they can see and document the condition. Then as a group, write a letter to the builder expressing your concerns, and demand a proper installation. You will have more power and influence with the builder if you respond as a group. You may also want to send a letter to the local building official to make him or her aware of the situation, and to share your concerns about the workmanship being performed your community.

Finally, you should get a couple of bids from licensed contractors for correcting the gutter installations. These bids will be the basis of determining your financial exposure, and they will indicate what will be involved in making the repairs. If the builder refuses to make the repairs, you have a responsibility to mitigate your damages and your exposure to liabilities. You can hire the work out to a licensed contractor, and then seek recovery from the builder.

John R. Schneider is a licensed general building contractor and a certified residential code specialist. He is president of All About Homes, a residential inspection company, and has been performing code and construction consultations since 1985. Readers may address their comments to John Schneider, 24326 Mission Blvd. Suite 7, Hayward, CA 94544. Schneider will answer questions of general interest in the paper. He reserves the right to edit the letter for brevity and clarity.

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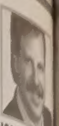

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WEEKLY SALES

ALAMEDA

1842 8th St - $316,000
220 Bannister Ct - $370,000
3242 Bayo Vista Av - $450,000
3215 Briggs Av #C - $310,000
1708 Cornell Dr - $670,000
1328 Eastshore Dr - $695,000
811 Harbor Rd - $415,000
1921 Lafayette St - $445,000
210 Sea Bridge Wy - $553,000
2101 Shoreline #233 - $280,000
955 Shorepoint #304 - $205,000
1327 Webster #B30 - $135,000

ALBANY

1025 Kains Av - $195,000
624 Kains Av - $410,000
1012 Santa Fe Av - $470,000

BERKELEY

1461 9th St - $320,000
2444 Acton St - $282,500
2722 Acton St - $369,000
3076 Buena Vista Wy - $915,000
1035 Cedar St - $370,000
2820 Cherry St - $551,000
667 Colusa Av - $425,000
2635 Etna St - $1,078,000
1017 Fresno Av - $744,000
1608 Julia St - $429,000
1415 Keoncrest Dr - $422,500
43 Maryland Av - $625,000
1937 Oregon St - $432,000
1198 Oxford St - $570,000
1215 Queens Rd - $385,000
1230 Queens Rd - $492,000
1925 Stuart St - $527,000
2205 Stuart St - $415,000

EL CERRITO

2515 Alva Av - $413,000
721 Avila Pl - $575,000
1326 Everett St - $362,000
545 Everett St - $317,000
5519 MacDonald Av - $369,000
418 Village Dr - $485,500

EL SOBRANTE

316 Ash Ln - $220,000
4248 Fariss Ln - $285,000
5705 Sobrante Av - $350,000
4008 St. James Dr - $190,000

EMERYVILLE

6363 Christie #171 - $325,000
3 Commodore #B15 - $250,500

KENSINGTON

612 Beloit Av - $589,000
601 Plateau Dr - $555,000
29 Sunset Dr - $494,000

OAKLAND

2124 105th Av - $235,000
2016 108th Av - $254,000
1125 10th Av - $125,000
2021 22nd Av - $315,000
2460 26th Av - $233,000
2636 38th Av - $310,000
1815 39th Av - $340,000
385 45th St - $417,500
1124 53rd St - $325,000
554 56th St - $215,000
1807 66th Av - $70,000
3401 66th Av - $52,500
2557 67th Av - $275,000
330 8th St #3F - $202,500
658 Aileen St - $390,000
3710 Allendale Av - $145,000
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1957 Asilomar Dr - $695,000
2986 Barrett St - $273,000
3044 Bartlett St - $305,000
5387 Belgrave Pl - $535,000
565 Bellevue #180 - $495,000
1708 Bridge Av - $225,000
4314 Bridgeview Dr - $740,000
4014 Brookdale Av - $240,000
6241 Buena Vista - $1,100,500
9611 C St - $275,000
280 Caldecott#118 - $330,000
180 Caldecott #215 - $245,000
14 Chancellor Pl - $1,500,000
1600 Church St - $195,000
3921 Coolidge Av - $355,000
4100 Culver St - $212,000
9651 D St - $205,000
2551 East 11th St - $84,000
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5464 El Camile Av - $310,000
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322 Hanover #302 - $310,000
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5273 Miles Av - $430,000
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4318 Montgomery St - $575,000
8227 Ney Av - $303,000
662 Poirier St - $307,500
3021 Richmond Bl - $220,000
541 Rosal Av - $500,000
4610 San Sebastian - $513,000
6617 Simson St - $360,000
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3720 Suter St - $146,500
12095 Tartan Wy - $665,000
8727 Thermal St - $310,000
10636 Topanga Dr - $186,000
2755 Vallecito Pl - $270,000
331 Vernon St - $425,000
3990 Waterhouse Rd - $550,000
3262 West St - $137,500
8100 Winthrope St - $235,000
1880 Woodhaven Wy - $525,000
70 Yosemite Av #107 - $165,000

PIEDMONT

1116 Oakland Av - $547,500
1355 Oakland Av - $680,000

RICHMOND

22 1st St - $418,500
726 40th St - $225,000
576 5th St - $213,000
1369 Battery St - $155,000
2502 Baywood Wy - $297,500
182 Berk Pl. - $250,000
1758 Burbeck Av - $221,500
1355 Cherry St - $149,000
6390 Claremont Av - $300,000
2203 Coalinga Av - $215,000
2989 Deseret Dr - $310,000
1811 Esmond Av - $246,000
1240 Fairway Dr - $275,000
3319 Florida Av - $140,000
6609 Kensington Av - $385,000
2520 Maricopa Av - $237,000
4004 McGlothen Wy - $205,000
3130 Moyers Rd - $281,000
815 Poppy Ct - $343,000
1300 Quarry Ct #114 - $325,000
1300 Quarry Ct #404 - $507,500
751 Regents Ct - $431,000
2763 Sheldon Dr - $263,000
112 South 17th St - $168,500
140 South 22nd St - $433,000
6106 Van Fleet Av - $341,000
1518 Visalia Av - $230,000
474 Western Dr - $760,000
929 Yuba St - $265,000

SAN LEANDRO

1481 142nd Av - $288,000
250 Belleview Dr - $340,000
350 Beverly Av - $445,000
15355 Bittern Ct - $300,000
14397 Doolittle #10 - $238,000
14917 Ebb Tide St - $443,000
15309 Edgemoor St - $380,000
14513 Flagship St - $288,000
16343 Helo Dr - $295,000
15472 Heron Dr - $389,000
1881 Lopez Dr - $410,000
1683 Manor Bl - $335,000
1538 Manzanita Av - $335,000
718 Matoza Ln - $502,000
3916 Monterey Bl - $345,000
15055 Norton St - $290,000
16829 President Dr - $520,000
2248 Raven Ct - $373,500
16354 Ria Dr - $150,000
14229 Santiago Rd - $315,000
15501 Sedgeman St - $383,000
15593 Sedgeman St - $358,000
1379 Vining Dr - $328,500

SAN LORENZO

997 Hacienda Av - $305,000
33 Paseo Grande #C - $230,000
614 Tulsa St - $335,000
17367 Via Arroyo - $270,000
16021 Via Catherine - $385,000
603 Via Mirabel - $305,000
17065 Via Piedras - $190,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: $135,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $695,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $403,667

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: $195,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $470,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $410,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $358,333

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 18
LOWEST PRICE: $282,500
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,078,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $519,556

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: $317,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $575,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $420,250

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: $190,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $350,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $261,250

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: $250,500
HIGHEST PRICE: $325,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $287,750

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: $494,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $589,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $555,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $546,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 77
LOWEST PRICE: $ 52,500
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,500,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $305,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $345,662

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: $547,500
HIGHEST PRICE: $680,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $613,750

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 29
LOWEST PRICE:
HIGHEST PRICE:
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SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE:
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SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 7
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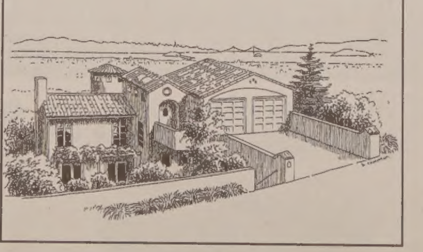

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